

A
QVIP FOR AN VP.
starr Courtier:

Or,

**A quaint dispute between Veluet breeches
and Clothbreeches.**

*Wherein is plainly set downe the disorders
in all Estates and Trades.*



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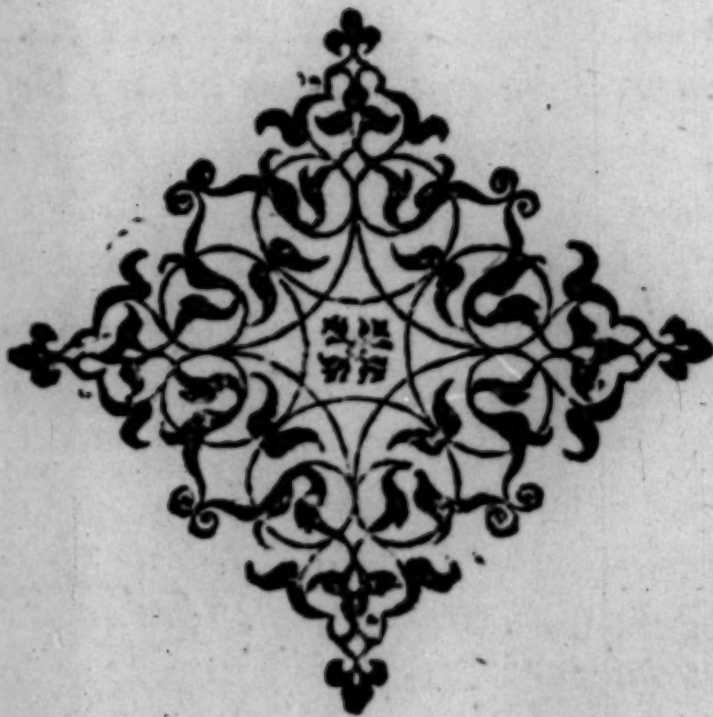
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The Epistle Dedicatorie.

*that all Northamptonshire reports howe you are a father
of the poore, a supporter of auntient Hospitalitie, an eni-
mie to Pride, and to be short, a maintayner of Clothbree-
ches (I meane of the old and worthie customs of the Gen-
tilitie and yeomanrie of England. Induced by these rea-
sons, I hamblly present this Pamphlet to your Worship,
only crauing you will accept it as courtiously as I present
it dutifully, and then I haue the end of my desire and
so resting in hope of your fauourable accep-
tance, I humbly take my
leauē.*

Your dutiful adopted sonne,

Robert Greene.



To



To the Gentlemen Readers health.



Entle Gentlemen, I hope Cloth-breeches shall finde your gentle Censors of this homely Apologie of his antient prerogatiues sithe though he speakes againste Veluet breeches which you were, yet hee twits not the weede but the vice, not the apparell when tis worthily worne, but the vnworthie person that weares it, who sprang of a Peasant will vse any sinister meanes to clime to preferment, beeing then so proude as the foppe forgets like the Asse that a mule was his father. For auntient Gentility and yeomanrie, Cloth breeches attempteth this quarrell, and hopes of their fauour: for vpstarts he is halfe careles, and the more, bicause hee knowes whatsoeuer some thinke priuately, they will be no publike carpers: least by kicking where they are toucht, they bewray their gald backs to the world, and by starting vppe to find fault, proue themselues vpstarts and fooles. So then poor Cloth breeches sets downe his rest on the courtesie of gentle gentlemen and bold Yeomen, that they will suffer him to take no wrong. But suppose the worst, that hee

To the Reader.

should be found at, and that such occupations as he hath vpon conscience discarded from the Iury, should commence an action of vnkindnesse against him, heele proue it not to hold plea, because al the debate was but a dreame. And so hoping all men will merrilie take it, he standes sollemnlie leaning on his pike staffe, till he heere what you conceaue of him for being so peremptorie. If well, he swears to cracke his hose at the knees to quite your courtesie. If hardly, he hath vowed that whatsoeuer he dreames neuer to blabbe it againe, and so he wisheth me humbly to bid you farewell.





A quip for an vpstart *Courtier.*

I was erst at that time when the Cuckeulds querister beganne to be, wray Aprill Gentlemen with his neuer changed notes, that I damped with a melancholy humoꝝ, went into the fields to cleere vp my wittes with the fresh aire: where solitarie seeking to solace my selfe I fell in a dreame, and in that drowsie slumber, I wandered into a vale all tapistred with sweet and choice flowers, ther grew many simples whose vertues taught me to be subtil and to thinke nature by hir wædes warnd men to be wary and by their secret properties to checke wanton and sensuall imperfections. Amongst the rest, there was the yellow daffadil, a flowze fit for gelous Dottrels, who through the betwixtie of their honest wines grew suspicious, & so prone themselves in the end ruckhold Heretikes, there budded out the checkerd (Maunke) or party coloured Parts ease, an herbe seldom seene, either of such men as are wedded to shrews or of such women as haue hasty husbandes: yet there it grew, and as I slept to gather it, it slipt from me like Tantalus fruit that failes their maister. At last, woondzing at this secret qualitie, I learned that none can weare it, bee they kings, but such as desire no more then they are borne to, nor haue their wishes about their fortunes. Upon a banke bozoring by grew womens weeds, Fenell I mean for flatterers, sit generally for that sex, sithe while they

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Daffadil for
dottrels that
are gelous.

Fennel wo-
mens weed.

A quippe for

Time for
wise men if
they would

are maidens, they wish wantonly : while they are wives they will wilfully. While they are widows, they would willingly : and yet all these proude desires, are but close dissembling. Rare adorning sprouted out the Courtiers comfort, Time : An herb that many stumble on and yet overslip. whose ranke sauer and thicke leaues, haue this peculiar propertie, to make a snail if she taste of the sappe as swift as a swallow, yet ioined with this prejudice, that if she clime too hastily. she falls too suddenly. Methought I saw diuers yong courtiers tread vpon it with high disdain, but as they past away, an Adder lurking there bit them by the heeles that they wept : and then I might perceiue certaine clownes in clowted shorne gather it, and eate of it with greedinesse : which no sooner was sunke into theyr malices, but they were metamorphosed, and lookt as proudly though peasants, as if they had bene borne to bee princes companions.

Lord Tip-
toft a proud
& insolent
Earle raised
by Edwar. 4.

Amongst the rest of these changelings whom the taste of time had thus altered, there was some that lifted their heads so high, as if they had bene bred to look no lower then stars, they thought *Noli altum sapere* was rather the saying of a foole, then the censure of a Philosopher, & therfore stretch themselves on their tiptoes, as if they had bene a kindred to the lord Tiptoft, and began to disdain their equals, scorn their inferiours, and even their betters, forgetting nowe that time had taught them to say masse, how befoze they had plaid the Clarks part to say Amen to the priest. Tush, then they were not so little as Gentlemen, and their owne conceipt was the Herald to blason their descent, from an olde house, whose great grandfathers would haue bin glad of a new cottage to hide their heads in. Yet as the peacock was apt in the pride of his beauteous feathers is knowne to be but a dunghill bird by his foule feet : so though the high lookes and costly sutes argue to the eyes of the world they were Cavaliers of great worship, yet the churlish illiberallitie of their minds, betwixt their fathers were not aboue thre pounds in the kings booke at a subsidy, but as these
upstart

an vpstart Courtier.

vpstart changelings went strutting like Philopo Limar-
chides the beagart in Plautus, they lookt so proudly at the
same, that they stumbled on a bed of Rue, that grew at the
bottomne of the banke where the Time was planted, which
fall vpon the death of so bitter an herbe, taught them that
such proud peacocks as ouer haillie out runne their for-
tunes at last to speedily, fall to repentance, and yet some
of them smild and said Rue was called Herbe grace, which
though they scorned in their youth, they might weare in
their age, and it was neuer too late to saye Misereere. As
thus I stood musing at this time bozne broad, they vanisht
away like Cadmus copesmates, that sprang vppe of vipers
teeth, so that casting mine eye aside after them, I saw where
a crew of all estates were gathering flowers, what kinde
they were of I knew not, but pretious, I gesst them in that
they pluckt them with greedienes, so that I drew towards
them, to be partaker of their profits, comming neerer, I
might see the weed they so wrangled for, was a little dapper
flowre, like a grounde Hunnisuckle, called thrist, praised
generally of all, but practised for distillation, but of fewe
amongst the crew that seemed couetous of this hearbe, there
was a troope of old graibeards in beluet, sattin, and wo-
sted iackets, that stooped as nimbly to pluck it vppe by the
rootes, as if their ioynts had beene suppeled in the oile of
misers skins, they spared no labour and paines to get and
gather, and what they got they gaue to certaine yong boies
and girles that stood behind them, with their skirtes and
laps open to receiue it: among whom some scattered it as
fast as their fathers gathered it, waiking and spoiling it at
their pleasure which their fathers got with labour.

Thrist the
herb that al
men seeke
after.

Old churles
prouide of-
tentimes
for vnthrifty
children.

I thought them to be some Herbalists or some Apothe-
caries that had impleied such paines to extract some rare
quintessence out of this floure, but one standing by told me
they were Cozmozants and blserers, that gathered it to fill
their cofers with, & wherto, quoth I, is it pretious? what is
the vertue of it? marry, quoth he, to qualifie the heat of insa-
tiable mindes that like the serpent Dipsas neuer drinketh
enough till they are so full they burst, whye then saide I

A quippe for

Yong noui-
ces, courti-
ers, and vp-
starts scorn
thrift.
Whores es-
sume mens
thrift.

Lawiers get
all.
Poets do-
ling.

Peasants hüt
for profit.

Men should
be faithfull
wome cour-
teous,

the Deuill burst them all, and with that I fell into a great laughter, to see certain Italianate Cantes, humorous Caualiers, youthfull Gentlemen, and Inonerati gagliardi, that scornefully pluckt of it, and wore it awhile as if they were wery of it, and at last left it as to base a flower to put in their nose gaies. Others that seemed Homini di grandi stina by their looks and their walks gathered earnestlie and hid pocket it vp as if they ment to keepe it carefullie, but as they were carrieng it away, there met them a troop of nice wantons, faire women that like to Lamia, had faces like Angels, eies like stars, brests like the golden front in the Hesperides, but from the middle downwarde theyr shapes like serpents. These with Syzenlike allurements so entised these quaint squires, that they bestowed al their flowers vpon them for fauours, they themselues walking home by beggars bush for a pennance. Amongst this crew were Lawpers, and they gathered the Deuill and all, but pooze Poets were thrust backe and could not be suffered to haue one handfull to put amongst their withered garlands of baies, to make them glozious. But Hob and John of the countrey they slept in churlishly, in their high start-ups, and gathered whole sackefuls: insomuch they wore bæsoms of Christ in their hats like forchordes, or the luscious Gallants in a Porrice dance: seeing the true thus to wangle for so paltry a weed, I went alone to take one of all the other fragrant flowers that diapred this balley ther by. I saw the Batchelers buttons, whose vertue is to make wanton maidens weepe when they haue wore it fortye weekes vnder their Aprons for a fauour.

Nert them grew the dissembling daisie, to warne suche light of loue wenches not to trust every faire promise that such amorous Batchelers make them, but sweete smells bred bitter repentace. Hard by grew the true louers prim-rose, whose kind sauour witheth men to bee faithfull and women courteous. Alongst in a border grew maidenhair fit for modest maidens to behold, and immodest to blush at, because it praiseth the one for their naturall Tresses, and condemns

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condemneſh the other ſoꝛ their beaſtly and counterſeit Do-
riwigs, there was the gentle gillifloweꝛ that wiues ſhould
weare if they were not too froward; and loiall Lauendar,
but that was full of Cuckoe-ſpits, to ſhewe that womens
light thoughts make their husbandes heauie heads: there
were ſweet Lillies Gods plentie, which ſhelved faire Vir-
gins need not weape ſoꝛ lovers, and ſtoꝛe of balme which
could cure ſtrange wounds, onely not that wound which
women receiue when they loſe their maidenheads, ſoꝛ no
herbe hath vertue ynough to ſcrape out that blot, and ther-
foꝛe it is the greater blemiſh. Inſinit were the flowers be-
ſide that beautified the valie, that to know their names and
operations I needed ſome curious herball, but I paſſe them
ouer as needleſſe, ſith the viſion of their vertues was but a
dꝛeame, and therfoꝛe I wiſh no man to hold any diſcourſe
herein authentically, yet thus much I muſt ſay ſoꝛ a parting
blow, that at the lower end of the dale I ſaw a great many
of women vſing high wordes to their husbandes, ſome ſtri-
uing ſoꝛ the beꝛches, other to haue the laſt word, ſome ſret-
ting they could not find a ruſh in a ſtraw, others ſtriving
whether it were wooll oꝛ haire the gote bare: queſtioning
with one that I met why theſe women were ſo cholericke,
he like a ſkoffing fellow pointed to a buſh of nettles. I not
willing to bee ſatiſfied with ſignes, asked him what hee
meant thereby, Mary (quoth he) all theſe women that you
heare bꝛawling ſrowning and ſkolding thus, haue ſeueral-
ly piſt on this buſh of nettles, and the vertue of them is to
foꝛce a woman that waters the to be as peuiſh ſoꝛ a whole
day and as waſpiſhe as if ſhe had bene ſtung in the browe
with a hoznet. Well, I ſmilde at this, and left the company
to ſeek further, when in the twinckling of an eye I was
left alone, the ballie clared of all company, and I a diſtreſ-
ſed man deſirous to wander out of that ſolitarie place to
ſeek good conſoꝛts and hone companions to paſſe away the
day withall. As thus I walked ſoꝛward, looking vp the hill
I was dꝛiuen halfe into a maſe with the imagination of a
ſtrange woonder which fell out thus: He thought I ſawe

Virginie
loſt is incu-
rable.

A quiqpe for

veluet breeches

an vnconth headlesse thing come pacing downe the hil step-
ping so proude with such a geometricall grace, as if some
artificiall bzagant had resolved to measure the woold with
his paces: I could not descry it to be a man, although it had
motion, for that it wanted a body, yet seeing legges and hose
I supposed it to bee some monster nourisht vp in those de-
serts, at last as it dꝛue moze nigh vnto mee, I mighte per-
ceiue that it was a very passing costlie payze of Veluet
breeches, whose paynes being made of the cheefest Napo-
litane stufte, was drawne out with the best Spanish sat-
tin, and marvellous curiously ouerwhipte with Golde
twist, interseamed with knottes of Pearle, the feather-
stocke was of the purest Granado Silke, no cost was spa-
red to set out these costlie breeches, who had gyfte vnto
them a Kapper and Dagger gilt, point pendaunt, as
quayntlye as if some curious Florentine had trickte them
vp to square it vp and downe the strættes befoze his Mi-
stresse. As these Breeches were exceeding sumptuous to
the eye, so were they passing pompous in their gestures,
for they strowted vp and downe the Wallye as proude-
lye as though they had there appointed to ad some desperat
combat.

loth breeches

Blame mee not if I were dꝛiuen into a muse with this
most monstrous sighte to see in that place such a straunge
headlesse Courtier ieatting vp and downe like the Almyr
of a fense-schole about to playe his Dꝛyse, when I came
neuer in any age such a woonderfull obiecte fortunec vnto
any man befoze. Well, the greater dumpe this Poueltye
dꝛaue mee into, the moze desire I hadde to see what euent
would folloze: wherevpon looking about to see if that any
moze company would come, I might perceiue from the top
of the other hill an other payze of Breeches moze soberlye
marching, and with a softer pace, as if they were not too
hastie, and yet woulde keepe promise neuerthelesse at the
place appoynted. As soone as they were come into the
ballie, I saue they were a plaine payze of Cloth breeches,
without eyther welt or garde, straight to the thigh, of white
kerse,

an vpstart Courtier.

her selfe, without a stoppe, the neather stroke of the same, lew-
ed to aboue the knee, and onely seamed with a little coun-
trie blew, such as in Diebus illis our great grandfather
woze, when neighbourhoope and hospitalitie had banished
pride out of England. For were these plain breeches wea-
penlesse, for they had a good sower bat with a pike in the
end, able to lay on load enough, if the hart were answerable
to the weapon, and vpon this staffe pitcht downe vpon the
grounde. Clothbreeches stood solemnly leaning, as if they
meant not to start, but to answer to the utterance what-
soeuer in that place might be objected. Looking vpon these
two, I might perceiue by the pride of the one, and homely
resolution of the other, that this their meeting would grow
to some dangerous conflict, and therefore to prevent the fa-
tall issue of such a pretended quarrell, I stept betwene them
both, when Velvet breeches greeted Cloth breeches with
this salutation. Pseud and insolent peasant, how darest thou
without leaue or lowe reuerence presse into the place
whether I am come for to dispozt my selfe? Arte thou not
a friend? thy high presumption shoulde saue to displea-
sure, and so force me drawe my rapier, which is neuer vn-
sheathed but it turns into the scabbard with a triumph of
mine enemies blood: bold bayard anaunt, beard me not to
my face, for this tyme I pardon thy follie, and graunte thy
legges leaue to carry away thy life. Clothbreeches nothing
amased at this brauado, bending his staffe as if hee meant
(if he were wronged) to bestow his benison, with a skorne-
ful kind of smiling made this smooth replie: Mary gyp good-
man vpstart, who made your father a gentleman, so te fire
makes sweet mault, the curtest Cowe hath the shortest
horne, and a brawling curre of all bites the least, alas good
sir, are you so fine that no man may be your fellow, I praye
you what difference is betwene you and me but in the cost
and the making, though you be neuer so richly daubde with
goulde and powdered with Pearle, yet you are but a case
for the buttockes, and a couer for the basest parte of a
mans bodie no more than I, the greatest preheminance
is

the h/c of brams

A quippe for

is in the garnishing and thereof you are proud, but come to the true vse we were appointed to, my hono^r is more than thyne, for I belong to the old antient yeomanrie, yea and gentilitie, the fathers, and then to a company of proud and unmannerly vpstarts the sonnes. At this, Melnet-breeches sto^ond and sayd, Why thou beggars hat descended from the reuerſion of base pouertie, is thy insolence so greate to make comparison with me, whose difference is as great as the brightnesse of the sunne and the slender lighte of a candle: I (poore snake) am sprung from the antient Romans, borne in Italy the mistresse of the world for chivalrie, calde into England from my native home (wher I was famous) to honour your courtiers and yong gentlemen here in England with my countenance, where I am holden in high regard, that I can presse into the presence when thou poore soule shalt with cap and knee begge leaue of the Porter to enter, and I sit and dine with the Nobilitie, when thou art faine to wait for the reuerſion of the almes basket: I am admitted boldly to tell my tale, when thou art faine to sue by means of supplication, and that and thou to so little regarded, that most commonly it neuer comes to the Princes hand, but dies imprisoned in some obscure pocket: With then there is such difference betweene our estates, cease to vexe my patience with thy insolent presumption. Clothbreeches as b^reefe as he was proud, swoe by the pike of his staffe, that his choplogicke was not woorth a pinne, and that hee would turne his owne weapon into his bosome thus, Why Ignio^r Glorioso (quoth he) though I haue not such glosing phrases to tricke out my speeches withall as you, yet I wil come ouer your fallowes with this balde rhetoricke: I pray you Hounsier Malapart are you therefore my superiour because you are taken vp with Gentlemen, and I with the yeomanrie? Doth true vertue consist in riches, or humanitie in wealth? is auntient honour tied to outward b^rauerie? or is not rather true Nobilitie, a mind excellently qualified with rare vertues? I will teach thee a lesson woorth the hearing, proud princkocks, how Gentilitie shalbe sprung

The more
is the pitie.

an vpstart Courtier.

Spring vp, I will not forget the old wises logicke, When Adam delvd and Eve span, who was then a Gentleman? but I tell thee after the generall floode that there was no moze men vpon the earth but Noe and his three sonnes, and that Cham had wickedly discovered his fathers secrets then grew the diuision of estates thus: The church was figured in Sem, Gentilitie in Iapheth, and labour and drudgerie in Cham: Sem being chaste and holy, Iapheth learned and valiaunt, Cham churlish & seruite, yet did not the curse extend so far vpon Cham, nor the blessing vpon Iapheth, but if the one altered his nature, & became either indued with learning or valour he might be a gentleman, or if the other degenerated from his auncient vertues hee might be heald a pesaunt, wherevpon Noe inferred that gentilitie grew not onely by propagation of nature, but by perfection of qualities: When is your worship wide that beast of your worth for your gold and pearle, sith Cucullus non facit Monachum, nor a Helmet stop make a souden a gentleman: And whereas thou sayst thou wert borne in Italy, and called hither by our courtiers, him may we curse that brought thee first into England, for thou camst not alone but accompanied with a multitude of abominable vices, hanging to thy bumbeast nothing but infectious abuses, as baine-gloze, selfeloue, sodomic, and strange poisonings, wherewith thou hast infected this glorious Island, yea insolent bragant, thou hast defiled thine own nest, and fatall was the daye of thy birth, for since the time of thy hatching in Italy, as then famous for chivalry and learning, the imperial state through thy pride hath decayed, and thou hast like the yong Peltican peckt at thy mothers breast with thy presumption, causing them to lose that their forefathers with true hono^r conquered, so hast thou bene the ruine of the Roman Emperre, and now fatall art thou come into Englande to attempte here the like subuersion. Whereas thou dost boast that I am little regarded where thou art highly accounted of, and hast sufferance to presse into the presence, when I am for my simplenesse shut out of doze, I grant thy allegation in

Souldiers
& Scholers
Gentlemen

A quippe for

part, but not in whole, for men of high wisdom and honest measure not men by the outward shew of bzaury, but by the inward woorth and honestie, and so though I am disdained of a few ouerwœning soles, I am valued as wel as thy selfe with the wise. In that thou saist thou canst speake when I sue by supplication, I graunt it, but the tale thou telst is to the ruin of the pooze, for comming into high fauor with an impudent face, what farine is there expirde, whose least thou dost not begge? what forfeite of penal statutes? what concealed landes can ouerslip thee? yea rather than thy bzaury should faile begge powling pence for the very smoke that comes out of pooze mens chimnies, shames thou not vplandish vpstart to heare me discourse thy imperfections, get thee home againe into thy owne country, & let me as I was wont liue famous in my native home in Englande where I was borne and bred, yea and bearded Caesar thy countriman til he compass the conquest by treason. The right and title in this country base bzat (qd. beluet bzaches) now authoritie fauors me, I am admitted viceroy, & I will make thee do me homage, & confesse that thou holdest thy being and residence in my land from the gracious fauor of my sufferance, and with that he laid hold on the hilts of his rapier, and cloth bzaches betwke him to his staffe, when I stepping betwixt them parted them thus, Why what mean ye, wil you decide your controuersie by blowes, when you may debate it by reason, this is a land of peace gouerned by true iusticiaries and honorable magistrats, where you shal haue equitie without partiality, & therfore listen to me & discusse the matter by law, your quarel is, whether of you are most antient and most woorthy, you sir, boast of your country and parentage, he of his native birth in England, you claim all, he would haue but his owne, both plead an absolute title of residence in this country, then must the course betwœn you be trespass or disseison of frank tenement, you Meluet bzaches in that you claime the first title you shal be plaintiffe, and plead a trespass of disseison done you by Cloth bzaches, so shall it be brought to a iurie, and tried by a verdict
of

The true
badge of a
iustice.

an vpstart Courtier.

of twelue or foure and twentie. Tush, tush, quoth Weluet breeches, I neither like to be plaintiffe, nor yet allowe of a iurie, for they may be partial, and so condemne me in mine own action, for the country swaines can not value of my worth, nor can mine honours come within the compasse of their base wits, because I am a stranger in this land, & but here lately arriued, they wil hold me as an vpstart & so lightly esteeme of my worthinesse, and for my aduersary is their countriman & lesse chargeable, he shal haue the law mittigated, if a iurie of hindes or peasants should bee impaneled, if antient gentlemen yeomen or plain ministers should be of the quest. I were sure to lose the day because they loath me, in that I haue perswaded so many landlozdes for the main- tainance of my brauerie to raise their rents. You seeke a knot in a rush (quod I) you need not doubt of that, for whome you distrust & thinke not indifferent, him you vpon a cause manifested, challenge from your iurie. If your law allowe such large fauour (quoth Weluet breeches) I am content my title be tried by a iurie, and therefore let mine aduersarie plead me Nul tort, Nul disseison. Cloth breeches was con- sent with this, and so they both agreed I shoulde bee iudge and iuroz in this controuersie, wherevpon I wisht them to say for themselves what they could, that I might discourse to the iurie what reasons they alleaged of their Titles: then Weluet breeches began thus. I cannot but græue that I should be thus outfast with a carters weed onely fit for husbandrie, seing that I am the originall of all honourable indeuours: to what end doth yow bestow their wits on law- phisicke, or Theologie, were it not the end they aime at is the wearing of me and winning of preferment, honoꝝ no- rissheth Art, and for the regard of dignitie doe learned men- strins to exceed in their facultie.

Yet this po-
sic cannot
make a man
rich.

Impiger extremos currit Mercator ad indos,
Per mare, per saxa, &c.

What diues the merchants to seeke forren marts, to ven-
ter their goods and hazard their liues: not, if still the end of
their trauel were a paire of cloth breeches, no beluet costly

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attire, curious and quaint apparell is the spur that pricketh them forward to attempt such daunger. Dooth not the Souldiours fight to be bzaue, the Lawyer studie to countenance himselfe with cost, the artificer take paines onely for my sake that wearing me hee may brag it amongst the best, what credite carries hee now adaies that goes pinde vp in a Cloth breech, who will keepe him companie that thinkes well of himselfe, vnlesse hee vse the simple slaue to make cleane his shoone, the woordes are change and men are growne to more wit, and their mindes to aspyre after more honourable thoughts, they were Dunces in diebus illis, they had not the true vse of gentility, and therfore they liued meanly and died obscurely, but now mens capacities are refined, time hath set a new edge on gentlemens humors and they shew them as they should be, not like gluttons as their fathers did in chynes of beefe and alms to the poore, but in veluets, sattins, cloth of gold, pearle, yea perle lace, which scarce Caligula wore on his birth day, and to this honorable humor haue I brought these gentlemen since I came from Italy: what is the end of seruite to a man but to countenance himselfe and credit his maister with bzaue suites, then scurvie tapsters & ostlers sex populi fil pots & rub hoxheboles, to pranke themselues with my gloze, alas were it not to weare me, why would so many apply themselues to extraordinary idlenesse? Beside, I make fools bee reuerent, and thought wise amongst the common sort, I am a seuerer sensor to such as offend the law, prouided there bee a penaltie annexed that may bring in some profit, yea by me the chiefest part of the realme is gouerned, and therfore I referre my title to the verdit of any men of iudgement. To this, mildly Clothbreeches answered thus.

As I haue badalwaies that honest humor in me to measure all estates by their vertues, not by their apparell, so did I neuer grudge at the bzaury of any whome byrth, time, place, or dignitie made worthy of such costly ornaments, but if by the fauour of their Prince and their owne desarts they merited them, I held both lawfull & commendable to
answer

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answer their degrees in apparell, correspondent vnto their dignities, I am not so precise directly to inueigh against the vse of veluet, either in breeches or other sutes, nor will I haue men goe like John Baptist, in coates of Camels hair. Let Princes haue their Diadems, and Cesar haue what is due to Cesar, let Noblemen go as their birth requires, and Gentlemen as they are borne or beare office, I speake in mine owne defense, for the antient Gentility and yeomanrie of England, and inueigh against none, but such malapert vpstart as raised vp from the Plough, or aduanced for their Italian deuises, or for their witlesse wealth, conet in brauery to match, nay to exceed the greatest Noblemen in this land.

But leauing this digression moulier veluet breeches, againe to the particulars of your fond allegation. Whereas you affirme your selfe to be both originall and finall ende of learning, alas proud princor, you pearch a bowe to hie, did all the Philosophers beate their braines, and busie theyr wits to weare veluet breeches. Why both at that time thou wert vnknowne, yea vnborne, and all excesse in apparell had in high contempt, and now in these daies all menne of worth, are taught by reading, that excesse is a greate sin: that pride is the first step to the downefall of shame. They study with Tullie, that they may seeme borne for their countreys as well as for themselves. The Deuine to preache the Gospell: the Lawyer to refozme wronges and maintaine iustice: the Physition to discover the secrets of Gods wonders, by working strange cures: to be briebe, the end of all being, as to knowe God, And not as your worshippe good maister veluet breeches wrests to creep into acquaintance.

I will not denye, but there be as fantasticall fooles as your selfe, that perhaps are puffed vp with such presuming thoughts, and ambitiously aime to trick themselves in your worships masking sutes: but while such climbe for great honours, they often fall to great shames. It may be thereupon you bzing in Honos alit Artes, but I gesse your mai-

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Merchship neuer tried what true honour meant, that trusse it
 vp within the compasse of a paire of veluet breeches, and
 place it in the arrogancie of hart, no, no: say hono^r is ido-
 latry, fo^r they make fooles of themselues, and idols of their
 carcases: but he that valuesh honour so, shall reede a lecture
 out of Apuleius golden Asse, to learne him moze wit. But
 now fir by your leane, a blow with your next argument,
 which is, that marchants hazard their goods and liues to be
 acquainted with your maisterchip. Indeed you are awoze
 fo^r wise men frequent marts fo^r profit not fo^r pride, vnles
 it be some, that by wearing of veluet breeches and apparell
 too high fo^r their calling, haue proud bankrouths in they^r
 youth, and haue bene glad in their age to desire my acquaint-
 tance, and to trusse vpp their taites in homespunne russet:
 whereas thou doost obiect the valour of hardy souldiers to
 growe fo^r the desire of bzaue apparell. This false, and I
 know if any were p^resent, they woulde p^roue vppon thy
 bones thou wert a lier: fo^r their countries good, their p^rin-
 ces seruice, the defence of their friends, the hope of sauo^r is
 the finall end of their resolutions: esteeming not only them
 but the worlds glozy, fickle, transitozy, & inconstant. Shal
 I fetch from thine owne countrey, weapons to wound thy
 selfe withall. What saist thou to Cycuratus, was he not
 called to be Dictato^r from the Plough, and after many vi-
 ctories, what did he iet vp and downe the court in costlye
 garments and veluet breeches? No, he despised dignitie, con-
 temned vaine glozy and pride, and returned againe to his
 quiet contented life in the countrey. How much did Caius
 Fabritius value their Numa pompilius, Sceuola, Scipio, E-
 paminodas, Aristides, they held themselves woymes meat,
 and counted pride vanitie, and yet thou art not ashamed to
 say, thou art the end of soldio^rs wo^rthy hono^r. I tell thee
 sawcy skipiack, it was a good and a blessed time heere in
 Englane, when R. Stephen wore a paire of cloth breeches of
 a Noble a paire, and thought them passing costlye, then did
 he count Westminster hall to little to be his dieng chamber
 and his almes was not bare bones, in stead of broken meat
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but lussy chynes of béeſe fell into the poore mannes basket. Then charity flouriſhed in the court, and yong Courtiers ſtroue to exceed one another in vertue, not in bzauery: they rode not with fans to ward their faces from the wind, but with Burgans to reſiſt the ſtroke of a Battlear, they could then better exhort a ſoldioꝝ to armoz then court a lady with amozets, they cauſed the trumpet to ſound them pointes of wars, not Poets to write them wanton Eligies of loue: they ſoght after honozable fame, but hunted not after fading honoꝝ: which diſtinction by the way take thus. There be ſome that ſeake honoꝝ, and ſome are ſought after by honour. Such vpſtarts as fetch their pedigrae from their fathers ancient leather apzon, and creep into the court with great humilitie, ready at the firſt Baſciareli predi dila voſtra ſignoria hauing gotten the countenance of ſome Nobleman, will ſtrait be a kindred to Cadwaller, and ſweare his great grãd mother was one of the Burgeſſes of the parliament houſe, wil at laſt ſteale by degrees into ſome credit by their double diligence, and then wind ſome woꝝſhipfull place as far as a hungry ſow can ſmel a ſir reuerence, and then with all their friends ſeake day and night with coine & countenance til they haue got it. Others there be whome honoꝝ it ſelfe ſeakes, and ſuch be they whom vertue doth frame fit foꝝ that purpoſe, that riſing by high deſarts, as learning, oꝝ valour, merit moꝝe then either they look foꝝ, oꝝ their pꝛince hath any eaſe conueniently to beſtow on them. Such honoꝝ ſeaks, and they with a bluſhing conſcience intertein him, be they neuer ſo high in fauour, yet they beg no office, (as the ſhamleſſe vpſtart doth, that hath a hungry eie to ſpie out, an impudent face to ſue, and a flatterring toong to intreat ſoꝝ ſome void place of woꝝſhip, which little belonged to them if the pꝛince intended to beſtow offices foꝝ vertue not fauor. Other D. beluet bzaches there be of your crue, that pinche their bellies to poliſh their backs, that keepe their matwes empty, to fil their purſes that haue no ſhew of gentility but a beluet ſlop, who by polling oꝝ ſelling of land that their father leſte, wil beſtoꝝe all to buy an office about the court.

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that

*ſeekers of honoꝝ
by double diligence*

*whom honour ſeeketh
or vertue ſeeketh*

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that they may be woꝛshipfull, extoꝛting from the poore, to raise vppē their money that the base deceiuing companions haue laid out to haue an office of some countenance and credit, wherein they may of ine better than themselues, bee tearmed by the name of woꝛship. The last whom vertue pleadeth foꝛ, and neither siluer, gold, friendes, noꝛ fauour aduanceth, be men of great woꝛth, such as are thought of woꝛship, and vnwillingly entertaine hir: rather vouchsafing pꝛofered honoꝛ foꝛ their countries cause, then foꝛ anie pꝛoud opinion of hoped foꝛ pꝛeferment.

Blessed are such lands, whose officers are so placed, and where the Prince pꝛomoteth not foꝛ coine oꝛ countenance, but foꝛ his woꝛthy deseruing vertues. But leauing this by talke, methought I heard you say Signior beluetbꝛeche, that you were the father of mechanical Artes and handiecrafts were found out to foster your bꝛauery. In faith good man gossecap, you that are come from the startbps, & therefore is called an vpsstart, quasi start vp from closted shone your lips hang in your light, when you bzought foꝛth this Lodgike: foꝛ I hope there is none so simple, but knowes that handicraftes and occupation grewe foꝛ necessity not pꝛide: that mens inuentions wared sharpe to pꝛofite the common wealth, not to pꝛanke vp themselues in bꝛauerye. I pꝛay you when Tubalcane inuented tempꝛing of mettals had he beluet bꝛeches to weare? In sadnesse, where was your woꝛship when his bzother found out the accoꝛdes and discoꝛds of Musicke hidden in hell, and not yet thought on by the Denill, to cast foꝛth as a baite to bꝛing many pꝛoud fooles to ruine?

Indeed I cannot deny, but your woꝛship hath bzought in Deceit as a iourneyman into al companies, and made that a subtile craft, which while I was holden in esteeme was but a simple mysterie: now enery trade hath his sleighthes, to flubber vppē his woꝛke to the eie, and to make it good to the sale, howsoeuer it pꝛoues in the wearing. The shoemaker cares not if his shoes hold the dzawing on: the tailor sowes with hot needle and burnt thꝛed. Thus pꝛide hath

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bath banisht conscience, and veluet breeches honestie, and e-
uery seruile drudge must ruffle in his silkes, or else hee is
not sateable.

The worlde was not so A principio, for when veluet
was worne but in kings eaps, then conscience was not a
bosome man in Kent street but a Courtier, then the farmer
was content his sonne should hold the plough, and live as
he had done before: Beggars then feared to aspire, and the
higher sortes scorned to enuie. Now every lowt must haue
his sonne a Courtroll, and those dunghill drudges were so
proud, that they will presume to weare on their feet, what
kings haue worne on their heads. A clownes sonne must
be clapt in a veluet pantophle, and a veluet breech, though
the presumptuous asse be drownd in the Mercers booke,
and make a conuey of al his lands to the vsurer for commo-
dities: yea the fop must goe like a gallant for a while, al-
though at last in his age he beg. But indeede, such yoong
youths when the Broker hath blest them with saint Nec-
dams crosse, fall then to priuy lifts & cosenages, and when
their credit is utterly crackt, they practise some bad shifte,
and so come to a shamefull ende.

*Veluet onely
in Kings eaps*

Lastly, whereas thou saist thou art a seuerer sensor to
punish sinnes, as austere as Cato to correct vice, of truth I
hold thee so in penall statutes when thou hast begged the
forfeitt of the Prince: but such correction is open extortion
and oppression of the poore, nor can I compare it better to
veluet breech, then to the Wolfe chastising the lambe for
disturbing their fountaine, or the Deuill casting out De-
uils, though the power of Belzebub, and thus much curte-
ous sir I haue said, to displaie the follies of mine aduersary,
and to shew the right of mine owne interest. Whye then
quoth I, if you haue both said, it resteth but that we hadde
some to empanell vpon a Iurie, and then no doubt but the
verdict would sone be giuen on one side. As thus I was
talking to them, I might see comming downe the hill a
brave dapper Dicke, quaintly attired in veluet and Sattin,
and a clog of cloth rash, with a Cambricke ruffe as smooth

*not on clothes
fete & breeches*

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lie set, and he as neatly spunged, as if he had bene a byde-
groom, only I gess by his pace a farre off he shoulde bee a
Tailor, his head was holden vppe so pert, and his legges
shackle hand, as if his knees had bene laced to his thighes
with points. Comming moze nare inoed, I spied a Tai-
lor's moze pike on his best, a spanish needle, and then I
fitted my salutations, not to his lutes but to his trade, and
incountred him by a thred bare courtesie, as if I had not
knowne him, and asked him of what occupation he was?
A Tailor, quoth he, marry then my friende, quoth I, you
are the moze welcome, for here is a great quarell growne
betwixt veluet breeches and cloth breeches, for their pze-
rogatiue in England: the matter is growne to an issue, there
must a Jury bee empanelled, and I would desire and in-
treat you to be one of the quest.

Not so, quoth Cloth breeches I challenge him. And why
quoth I? What reason haue you, dooth he not make them
both? yes, quoth he, but his gaines is not alike: alas, by
me he getteth small, only he is paide for his workmanship,
vnlesse by misfortune his shieres slippe awaye, and then his
vales is but a shred of homespunne cloth: Whereas in ma-
king of veluet breeches, where there is required silke lace,
cloth of gold, of silver, and such costly stufte, to welt, gard,
whip, stich, edge, face, and draw out, that the vales of one
veluet breech is moze then twenty paire of mine. I hope
there is no Tailor so pzeise, but he can play the cooke and
licke his owne fingers: though he looke vp to Heauen, yet
he can cast large shreds of such rich stufte into hell vnder his
shoppe boord. Beside he sets downe like the clarke of the
Cheeke a large bill of reckonings, which for he keepe long
in his pocket he so powders for sincking, that the poonge
vpsart that needes it, feeles it salt in his stomach a month
after. Besides, sir veluet breeches hath aduantage him: for
whereas in my time he was counted but goodman Tailor,
now he is growne since veluet breeches came in, to be cal-
led a marchant or Gentleman Marchant Tailor, giuing
armes and the holye Lamb in his creast, where befoze he
had

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had no other cognisance, but a plaine Spanish needle with a welsh cricket on the toppe : sith then his gaines are so great and his honours so aduansed by veluet breeches, I will not trust his conscience, nor shall hee come vpon my Iury.

Indeed you haue some reason quoth I, but perhaps the Tailor, both this vpon meere deuotion to punish pride, and hauing no other authoritie nor meanes, thinkes it beste to pinch them by the purse and make them paye well, as to aske twice so much like lace and other stufte as would suffice, and yet to ouerreach my yoong maister with a bill of reckoning that will make him scratch where it itcheth not. Wherein I hold the Tailor for a necessary member to teach proud nouices the way to weeping crosse : that when they haue wasted what their fathers left them by pride, they may grow sparing and humble, by inferred pouerty : and by this reason, the Tailor plaies Gods part : he exalteth the poore and pulleth downe the proud : For of a wealthy Esquires sonne, hee makes a thredbare beggar : and of a scoznesfull Tailor, he sets vp an vpstart scurvy Gentleman. Yet seeing you haue made a reasonable challenge to him, the Tailor shall be none of the quest.

As I had him stand by, there was comming alongst the valley towards vs, a square set fellowe well fedde, and as briskly appparelled, in a black taffata doublet and a spruce leather ierken, with Christall buttons : A cloake fast afoze with veluet, and a Couentry cap of the finest wooll, his face something Ruby blush, Cherry cheeked, like a shpedde of scarlet or a little darker, like the lees of olde claret wine : a nose autem nose purphled pretiously with pearle & stone, like a counterfait work, and betweene the filthy reumycast of his bloudshoten snout, there appeared small holes, whereat woymes heads peeped as if they meant by theyr appearance to preach and shew the antientie and antiquity of his house.

This fiery faced churle had vpon his fingers as many gol rings, as would furnish a goldsmiths shop or beseeem a pan,

At this was
gentlemens
cast apparel.

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of long profession to were, wondering what companion this should be, I inquired of what occupation hee was: marry he quoth hee, a Broker, why doo you aske, haue you any pawnes at my house? No quoth I, no: by the help of God neuer wil haue: but the reason is to haue you vpon a Jury. At this word, befoze I could enter my discourse vnto him, beluet breeches start vp, and swoze he should be none of the quest, he would challenge him, and whye quoth I, what know you by him? This base churle is one of the moathes of the Common wealth, he is the spoile of yong gentlemen a bloud sucker of the pooze, as thirly as a horse leach that will neuer leaue drinking while he burst, a knaue that hath interest in the leases of foety badde houses, a receiuer for lifts, and a dishonourable supporter of cutpurses, to conclude, he was gotten by an Incubus a he Deuill, & brought forth by an ouerwozne refuse, that had spent hir youth vnder the raines of Wolbies Barne.

A monstrous inuective, quoth I, what reason haue you to be thus bitter against him? Oh the villaine, quoth he, is the Devils factor, sent from hell to torment yong Gentlemen vpon earth: he hath fetcht me ouer in his time, onely in pawnes, in ten thousand pounce in golde. Suppose as Gentlemen thzough their liberall minds may want that I need, money: let me come to him with a pawne worth ten pound, he wil not lend vpon it aboue thze pounce, and hee wil haue a bill of sale and twelue pence in the pound for e- uery month, so that it comes to sixtene pence, with the byll must monthly be renewed, and if you breake but your day, set downe in the bill of sale, your pawne is losse, as full bought and solde, you turnd out of your goodes and hee an unconscionable gainer. Suppose the best, you keepe your day, yet paying sixten pence a month for twenty shillings, you pay as good for the lone as foure scoze in the hundzeth, is not this monstrous cracting vpon Gentlemen. Beside the knaue will be diligently attending and waiting at di- ring houses where we be at play, and there hee is readye to lend the looser money vpon rings, and chaines, apparell

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o2 any other good pawne, but the poore gentleman paies so
deere fo2 the lauender it is layd vp in, that if it lie long at a
brokers house he seemes to buy his apparell twice: nay this
wo2me eaten w2etch hath deeper pitfals yet to trap youth
in, fo2 he being acquainted with a yong gentleman of faire
lining, in issue of good parents o2 assured possibilitie, sooths
him in his monstrous expenses & saies he carries the mind
of a gentleman, promising if he want he shall not lack fo2 a
hundred pound o2 two, if the gentleman need, then hath my
broker an vsurer at hand as ill as himselfe, and he b2inges
the monie, but they tie the poore soule in suchē Darbies
bands, what with receiuing ill commodities and fo2fei-
tures vpon the band, that they dub him sir John bad-lands
befoze they leaue him, and share like wolues the poore nouri-
ces welth betwixt them as a pray, he is (sir) to be b2eefe, a
bowtie bawdie miser, good fo2 none but himselfe and his
trugge, a carle that hath a filthie carkasse without a consci-
ence, a body of a man wherein an infernall spirit in stead of
a soule dooth inhabit, the scum of the seven deadly sinnes, an
enemie to all good minds, a deuourer of yong gentlemen,
and to conclude my moztall enimie, and therefore admit of
my challenge, and let him be none of the iurie. Truly (qd.
Cloth b2eches) and I am willing he should bee discarded
too, fo2 were not bad brokers (I will not condemne all)
there would be lesse filching and fewer th2eues, fo2 they re-
ceiue all is brought them, and buy that fo2 a Crowne that
is worth twentie shillings, desire of gaine blinds their con-
science, and they care not how it be come by, so they buy it
cheape. Beside they exto2te vpon the poore that are inforced
th2ough extreame want to pawne their cloathes and hous-
hold stuffe, their pewter and b2asse, and if the poore soules
that labour hard misse but a day, the base minded broaker
takes the fo2feit without remorse o2 pitie, it was not so in
Diebus illis, but thou proude vpstart Tieluet b2eches hast
learnd all Englishmen their villanie, and all to maintayne
thy b2auerie: yea, I haue knowne alate when a poore wo-
man layd a siluer thimble that was sent hir frō hir friends

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for a token, to pay one for six pence, and the broker made him pay a halfpenny a week for it, which comes to two shillings a year, for six pence: with then his conscience is so bad, let him be shuffled out amongst the knaves for a discarding card, Content, qd. 3, and had the broker stand backe, when there were even at my heels three in a cluster pert youths all, and neatly tired, I questioned them what they were, and the one sayd he was a barber, the other a surgion, the third an Apothecarie. How like you of these (qd. 3) shal they be of your iurie? Of the iurie, qd. Cloth breeches, neuer a one by my consent, for I challenge them all: your reason qd. 3, and then ye shal haue my verdict. Mary (qd. Cloth breeches) first to the barber he can not be but a partiall man on velvet breeches side, with he gets more by one time dressing of him, than by ten times dressing of me, I come plain to be polde. & to haue my beard cut, and pay him two pence, velvet breeches he sits down in the chaire wapt in fine cloaths, as though the barber were aboute to make him a foot-cloth for the vickar of saint soles, then begins he to take his scissors in his hand and his combe, and so to snap with them as if he meant to giue a warning to all the lice in his nittie lockes for to prepare themselves, for the day of their destruction was at hande, then comes he out with his suttian eloquence and making a low conge sayth: Sir will you haue your wo. haire cutte after the Italian maner, short and round, and then frounst with the curling yrons, to make it looke lyke a halfe-moon in a mist: or like a Spanyarde long at the eares, and curled like to the two ends of an old cast periwig, or will you be frenchified with a loue-locke downe to your shoulders, wherein you may weare your mistresse fauour? the English cut is base and gentlemen skorne it, noueltie is daintie, speake the word sir, my scissors are readie to execute your wo. ships will. His head being once dressed, which requiers in combing and rubbing some two howers: he comes to the basin, then being curiously washte with no wo. se than a camphier ball, he discends as low as his beard, and asketh whether he please to be shaven or no, whether hee will

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will haue his peak cut short & sharpe, amiable like an In-
merato or broad pendant like a spade, to be terrible lyke a
warrior and a Soldado, whether hee will haue his crutes
cut low like a Juniperbush, or his suberches taken alwaye
with a Rasor, if it be his pleasure to haue his appendices
primde, or his mustachios folded to turne about his eares
like the branches of a vine, or cut downe to the lippe with
the Italian lase, to make him looke like a halfe faced baubie
in brasse. These quaint tearmes Barber you greet mai-
ster veluet breeches withal, and at euery word a snap with
your fissors, and a cring with your knee, whereas when you
come to poyse Clothbreeches you either cutte his bearde at
your own pleasure, or else in disdain aske him if he wil be
triind with Christs cut, round like the halfe of a hollande
cheese, mocking both Christ and vs: for this your knauerie
my will is you shal be none of the iurie. For you maister
surgion, the statutes of England exempts you from being
of any quest, and beside, alas, I sildome fall into your hands
as being quiet and making no bawles to haue wounds, as
swartrutting veluetbreeches dooth, neither doe I frequent
whorehouses to catch the mar-towles, and so to grow your
patient, I know you not, and therfore I appeale to the sta-
tute, you shal haue nothing to doe with my matter. And for
you M. Apoticarie, alas, I looke not once in seven yeare in-
to your stoppe, without it be to buy a peniworth of worm-
seed to giue my child to drinke, or a little triacle to dring
out the meafels, or perhaps some dregs and powders to
make my sicke horse a drench withall, but for my selfe, if
I be ill at ease, I take kitchen physicke, I make my wyfe
my Docto, and my garden my Apoticaries shop, whereas
queasie maister veluet breeches cannot haue a fart awye,
but he must haue his purgations, pills, and glisters, or eua-
cuate by electuaries, he must if the least spot of mozpu
come on his face, haue his oyle of Tartar, his Lac virginis,
his camphire dissolued in veriuice, to make the soles as faire
sooth, as if hee were to playe Paidermarian in a May-
game or Pozil-daunce, tush hee cannot digest his meate
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without conserues, no2 end his meale without suckats, no2
 (shall I speake plainly) please the trug his mistres with-
 out he goe to the Apothecaries for Cringion, Oleum for-
 micarum atalarum, & aqua mirabilis of ten pound a pint,
 if maist Helnet b2eches with drinking these drugs hap to
 haue a stinking b2eath, then forsooth the Apoticarie must
 play the parfumer to make it sweet, nay what is it aboute
 him that he blameth not nature for framing, and for meth it
 anew by art, and in all this who but mounfier the Apoth-
 carie, therfore good sir (quoth he) seeing you haue taken
 vpon you to be trio2 for the challenges, let those thre as
 partiall companions be packing. Why (qd. I) seeing you
 haue yeelded such reason of refusall, let them stand by:
 presently looking about for moze, comes stalking downe an
 aged graue sir in a blacke belurt coat and a blacke cloath
 gowne welted and faced, and after him as I suppose, foure
 seruingmen, the most ill fauoured knaues me thought that
 euer I sawe, one of them had on a buffe leather ierkin all
 greasse befoze with the droppings of beare that fell from his
 beard, and by his side a skeine like a B2uers boung knyfe,
 and muffled hee was in a cloake turnde ouer his nose, as
 though he had bene ashamde to shew his face. The seconde
 had a belly like a buckingtub, and a thredbare blacke coate
 vnbuttond befoze vpon the b2est, whereon the map of dun
 kennesse was drawne, with the balddie and bowlic excre-
 ments that doopt from his filthie leaking mouth. The third
 was a long leane old flauering slangrel with a brasil staffe
 in the one hand, and a whipcord in the other, so pourblinde
 that he had like to haue stumbled vpon the company befoze
 he saw them. The fourth was a fat chuffe with a sower
 looke in a blacke cloke faced with taffata, and by his side a
 great side pouch like a faulkner: for their faces all four se-
 med to be b2etheren, they were so b2ubasted with the flockes
 of strong beere, and lined with the lees of old sack, that they
 lookte like foure blowne bladders paynted ouer with redde
 oake: or wast ouer with the suds of an old stale die. All
 these, as well the maister as the following mates would
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2. Sumner.

3. Gaoler.

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haue past away, but that I kept befoze them and inquired first of the foremost what he was, Mary qd. he, a Lawyer, then sir qd. I, we haue a matter in controuersie that requi-
reth counsaile, and you are the moze welcome, What is it, qd. he, Mary sayd I, whether Clothbꝛaches oz beluetbꝛaches are of moze worth, and which of them hath the best title to be resident in England? At this the lawyer smild, and beluetbꝛaches stepping forth toke acquaintance of him, and commending his honestie, sayd there could not bee a man of better indifferency of the iury: when clothbꝛaches stepping in soze he maruelled he was not as well as the Surgion exempted by act of parliament from being of any quest, sith as the surgion was without pittie, so he was without conscience, and therupon inferd his challenge, sateng the Lawyer was neuer friend to clothbꝛaches, soz when lowlinesse neighbourhod and hospitality liued in England, Westminster hall was a dining chamber, not a den of controuersies, when the king himselfe was content to keepe his S. Georges day in a plain pair of Kerse hose, when the duke, earle, lord, knight, gentleman and esquire, aimed at vertue, not at pride, and woze such bꝛaches as was spun in his house, then the lawier was a simple man, and in the highest degre was but a bare scriuener, except Judges of the land which toke in hand serious matters, as treasons, murders, felonies, and such capital offences, but siltom was there any pless put in befoze that proud vpstart beluet bꝛaches, soz his inuaintaynance inuented strange controuersies, and since he began to dominier in England, he hath buid such a proud busye couetous & incroching humoꝝ into euery mans head, that Lawyers are grown to be one of the chiefe lims of the commonwelth, soz they doe now adaies de lana caprina rixare, go to law if a hen do but scrape in his ozcharde, but howsoeuer right be, might carries away the verdict: if a poze man sue a gentleman, why he shootes vp to the skie, and the arrowe fals on his own head, howsoeuer the cause goe, the weakest is thrust to the wall, lawiers are troubled with the heatc of the liuer, which makes the palins of their hands so hot that
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they cannot be cold vnlesse they be rubb with the oile of angels, but the poore man that giues but his bare fee, or perhaps pleads in forma pauperis, he hunteth for hares with a taber, and gropeth in the dark to find a needle in a bottle of hay, tush these lawyers haue such delatozy & forren pleas such dozmers, such quibs and quiddits, that beggering their clients they purchase to themselves whole lordships, it bo- teth not men to discourse their little conscience, & great ex- tortion, only suffice they be not so riche as they be bad, and yet they be but too welthy. I inueigh not against lawe nor honest lawyers, for there be some wel qualified, but against extorting Ambodexters that wring the poore, and because I know not whether this be such a one or no, I challenge him not to be of my iury. Why then, qd. J, his worship maye de- part, and then I questioned what he in the buff ierkin was, Mary qd he, I am a serieant, he had no sooner sayde so, but velvet breeches leapt back, and drawing his rapper, swoze he did not only challenge him for his iury, but also protested if he stird one foot toward him, he would make him eate a peece of his poinard. And what is the reason qd. J, that there is such mortall hatred betwixt you and the serieant? Wher- to, quoth Velvet breeches, search him, and I warrant you the knaue hath precept vpon precept to arrest mee, hath woone his mace smooth, with onely clapping it vpon my shoulder he hath had me vnder coram so often, oh the reprobate is the Usurers executioner to bringe suche Gentlemen to Limbo as he hath ouerthrowne with his base brocage and bad commodities: and as you see him a fat knaue with a foggie face, whercin a cup of old sacke hath set a seale, to marke the bowle drunkard to die of the dropsie, so his con- science is consumed, and his harte robbd of all remorse and pitie, that for monie he will betray his owne father, for wil a cozmozant but see him to arrest a yong gentleman, the rakehell will be so eager to catch him, as a dogge to take a beare by the eares in Parrish-garden, and when hee hath laid hold vpon him, he vseth him as courteously as a But- chers cur would doe an ore cheske when he is hungrie, if
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he se the gentleman hath mony in his purse, then straight with a cap and knoe he carries him to the tauerne and bids him send for some of his friends to bale him, but first he covenants to haue some b2ale of angels for his paines, and besides he calls in for wine as greedily as if the knaues mother had bene b2oacht against a hogthead when he was begotten, but suppose the Gentleman wants pence he wil either haue a palme or else dreg him to the counter without respect of manhood or honestie, I should spend the whole day with displaying his villanies, therefore b2easily let this suffice, he was neuer made by the consent of God, but his no-uenly carcase was framd by the diuell, of the rotten carion of a wolfe, and his soule of an vsurers damned ghost turned out of hell into his body to do monstrous wickednesse again vpon the earth, so that he shall be none of my iurie, neyther shall he come nearer me than the length of my rapper will suffer him. Anded quoth Clothb2eches generally serieants be bad, but there be amongst them some honest men, that will doe their duties with lawfull fauour: for, to say truth, if serieants were not, how should men come by their debts? marry they are so cruell in their office, that if they arrest a poore man, they will not suffer him (if he hath not monie) to stay a quarter of an hower to talke with his credito2, although perhaps at the meeting they might take composition, but only to the counter with him, vnlesse he will lay his pewter, b2as, couerlets, sheets, or such householdstuf, to them for paiment of some coine for their staieng: therefore let him depart out of the place, for his roome is better than his company. Well then qu. I, what say you to these th2ee, and with that I questioned their names, the one sayde he was a sumner, the other a gaoler, and the third an info2mer: Iesus blesse mee (quoth Clothb2eches) what a King was here gathered together, no doubt Hell is broke loose, and the Diuell meanes to keepe holyday, I make chalenge against them all, as agaynst woorse men than those that gaue euidence agaynst Ch2ist: for the Sumner it bootes me to say little moze agaynst him, than Chaucer did in his

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Canturbury tales, who sayd he was a knave, a bybar, and a bawd, but leauing that authozity although it be authentical, yet thus much I can say of my selfe, that these drunken bꝛoꝝie sons go a tooting abroad (as they themselves term it) which is to here if any man hath got his maid with child or plaies the goodfellow with his neighbors wife, if he find a hole in any mans coat that is of wealth, then hee hath his peremptorie scitation readie to scite him vnto the Archdeacons or officials court, there to appeare and abide the shame and penaltie of the lawe, the man perhaps in good credite with his neighbours, loath to bying his name in question, greseth the sumner in the fist, and then he wipes him out of the booke, & suffers him to get tventy with child so he keepe him warm in the hand: he hath a sateng to wanton wines, & they are his good dames, and as long as they saxe him with chesse bacon, capons, & such od reuerfions they are honest, and be they neuer so bad, he swears to the official complaints are made vpon enuie, and the women of good behauioꝝ: tush what bawdzie is it he will not suffer, so he may haue mony and good chere, & if he like the wench wel a snatch himsele for they knowe all the whores in a country, & are as lecherous companions as may be, to be byasse, the sumner liues vpon sins of people, & out of harlotry gets he al his commodity. As for the Gaoler, although I haue bene little troubled in prison to haue experience of his knauerie, yet haue I heard the poꝛe prisoners complain how cruel they be to the, extorting with extraoꝛdinary fees, selling a double curtall (as they cal it) with a double iug of beere for 2 pence, which contains not aboue a pint and a halfe: let a poꝛe man but be arrested into one of the counters, though hee but set his foot in them but halfe an houre, hee shall be almost at an angels charge, what with garnish, crossing and wiping out of the boke, turning the key, paieng the chamberlain, seking for his iurie, & tventy such extortions inuented by themselves, and not allowed by any statute, God bles me gaoler from your penhouses, as I will kepe you from coming in my quest, and to you M. Informer, you that loke like a ciuile Citizen,

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or some handsome pettie fogger of the law: although your crimson nose bewzaies you can sup of a cole cup of Sacke without any chawing, yet haue you as much sle knauerie in your side pouch there, as woulde bzeede the confusion of forty honest men. It maye bee sir you maruell, whye I exclaime against the informer, sith he is a most necessarie member in the common wealth, and is highly to the Princes aduantage for the benefit of pennall statutes and other abuses, wherof he giueth special intelligence? To wipe out this doubt. I speake not against the office but the officer, against such as abuse law when they should vse it, and such a one I gesse this fellow to be, by the carnation tincture of his ruby nose. Wherefore let vs search his bagge, and see what trash you shall find in it: with that although the informer were very loath, yet we pluckt out the stuffing of his pouch, and in it was found a hundreth and odde writs: Whereat I wondred: and Cloth breeches smiling, bad mee read the Labels, and the parties names, and then examine the informer how many of them hee knewe, and wherein they had offended. I followed his counsaile, and of all hee knew but thre, neither could he tell what they had done amide to be arested and brought in question.

Cloth breeches seeing me stand in a maze, began thus to resolute me in my doubt. Perhaps, quoth he, you maruell why the informer hath all these writtes, and knowes neither the parties nor can obiect any offence to them? To this I answer: That it being a long vacation, he learned in the rote all those mens names, and that they were men of in different wealth: Now meanes he to go abroad and search them out and arrest them, and though they know not wher in or for what cause they should be troubled, yet rather then they will come vppe to London and spende their money, they will bestow some odde Angell of Maister informer, and so sit at home in quiet. But suppose some bee so stubborne as to stand to the triall, yet can this cunning knaue declare a Tam quam against them, so that though they bee cleared, yet can they haue no recompence at all, for that he

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both it in the Courts behalfe, I will not unfold all his villanies, but he is an abuser of good lawes and a very knave, and so let him be, with his fellowes. I both wondred and laught to heare Clothbatches make this discourse, when I saw two in the valley together by the eares, the one in leather, the other as blacke as the Deuill: I stept to them to part the fray, and questioned what they were, and wherefore they brawled: Harry, quoth he, that lookt like Lucifer, though I am blacke I am not the Deuill, but indeede a Collier of Croyden, and one sir that haue sold many a man a false sacke of coales, that both wanted measure and was halfe full of dust and drosse. Indeed I haue bene a lieger in my time in London, and haue plaid many mad pranks for which cause, you may see I am made a curtall, for the Pillozie hath eaten off both my eares, and nowe sir this ropemaker hunteth me here with his halters, I gesse him to be some euill spirit, that in the likenesse of a man would since I haue past the pillozy perswade me to hang my self for my old offenses, and therefore sithe I cannot blesse mee from him with Nomine patris, I laye Spiritus sanctus about his shoulders with a cudgell, that he may get out of my companie. The ropemaker replied, that honestly journeyeng by the way, he acquainted himselfe with the Colliar, & for no other cause pretended. And whether are you a going yd, I: Harry sir yd. he, first to absolue your question, I dwel in Saffron Waldon, and am going to Cambridge to three sons that I keep there at schoule, such apt children sir as few women haue groned for, and yet they haue ill lucke. The one sir is a Deuine to comfort my soule, & he indeed though he be a vaine glorious asse, as diuers youths of his age bee, is well giuen to the shew of the world, and writte a late the lambe of God, and yet his parishioners say he is the limb of the deuill, and kisseth their wiues with holy kisses, but they had rather he should keep his lips for madge his mare. The second sir, is a Physitian or a soile, but indeed a physitian, & had proued a proper man if he had not spoiled himselfe with his Astrological discourse of the terrible coniunction of Saturne

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turne and Jupiter. For the eldest, he is a Civilian, a wondrous wittyd fellow, for reuerence sir, he is a Doctor, and as Tubalcain was the first inyenter of Musick, so he Gods benison light vpon him, was the first that inuented Englishe Peramiter: but see how in these daies learning is little esteemed, for that and other familiar letters and proper treatises he was orderly clapt in the flect, but for a Whore and a Kite may bring forth a coytrell, and honest parents may haue bad children. Honest with the deuill qd. the Colliar, How can he be honest, whose mother I gesse was a witch. For I haue heard them say, that witches say their praies backward, and so doth the ropemaker yerne his lining by going backward, and the knaues chiefe living is by making fatal instruments, as halters and ropes, which diners desperate men hang themselves with. Well qd. I, what say you to these, shal they be on the Jury? Velvet breeches said nothing, but Cloth breeches said, in the ropemaker he found no great felldom in him, therfore he was willing he should be one, but for the Colliar he thought it necessary that as he came so he should depart. so then I bad the ropemaker stand by til more came, which was not long. For there came 3. in a cluster. As soon as they drew nie, I spied one, a fat churl with a side russet cote to his knee, and his hands all so tanned with shifting his Duse, yet would he I not take notice what they were, but questioned them their occupations. Harry qd. the first, I am a tanner, the second a shoemaker. the third a Currier: then turning to the plaintife and defendant, I asked them if they would allow of those parties. So by my faith qd. Cloth breeches, I make challenge vnto them all, and I wil yeld reasons of import against them, & first to you H. Tanner. Are you a man worthy to be on a iurie, when your conscience cares not to wrong the whole Commonwealth? you respect not publike comodity, but priuate gaines: not to benefite your neighbour, but for to make the proude princere your sonne an vpstart Gentleman, and because you would marrie your Daughter at the least to an Esquire, that she may if it be possible, be a Gentlewoman,

Such a Richard by S. Harry looke to it for all the Poets in England will haue a blow at your breech for calling the poperlye makeplaies, and will if you reconcile not your selfe bring your worship on the stage.

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the woman, and how comes this to passe, by your Tan-sats
fozsooth: Foz whereas by the statutes of Englande you
should let a hide lie in the Duse at the least nine monethes,
you can make good leather of it befoze thre monethes, you
haue your Dones dong, your marle, your Ashen barke, and
a thousand thinges moze, to bzing on your leather apace,
that it is so badly tanned, that when it comes to the wea-
ring, then it flates away like a peece of brolne paper: and
whereas your backs of all other should be best tanned, you
bzing them so full of hozne to the market, that did you not
grease the sealers of Leaden Hall thoroughly in the fiste,
they should neuer be sealed, but turned away and made foz-
feit by the statute. I cannot at large lay open your subtile
practises to beguile the poze communalitie with badde lea-
ther. But let this suffice, you leaue no villainie vnsoyght,
to bzing the blockhead your sonne to goe afoze the Clowne
his father, trimlye trickt vppe in a paire of veluet bree-
ches.

Nowe maister Currier to your coosenage, you cannot
be content only to burne the Leather you dresse foz fault of
liquor, because you would make the Shomaker pay wel and
you put in little stufte: and beside, when as in backs you
should only put in Tallow hard and good, you put in softe
kitchin stufte mixt, and so make the good and well tanned
Leather by your villanie to fleet and waste away, but also
you grow to be an extorting knaue and a fozestaller of the
market. Foz you will buye Leather, does, backs, and
Calues skinner, and sel them to poze Shomakers at an vn-
reasonable rate, by your false retailing, getting infinite
goods by that excessive price: both vndowing the poze sho-
maker, and causing vs that wee pay extreainely foz shoes.
Foz if the Currier bought not Leather by the whole of the
Tanner, the Shomaker might haue it at a moze reasonable
price: but the Shomaker beeing poze, is not perhaps able
to deale with a dicker of Hides, noz perhaps with a couple
of backs, and the Tanner will not trust him: then the ex-
torting and colsening Currier comes vppe with this, I will
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lend you for a day and so pincheth him, that he is scarce able to finde his children bread. But well hath the Prince and the Honorable Lords of the priue Counsaile provided by Act of Parliament, that no Currier shall buy leather either hides or backs of the Tanner, so to bide the extorting and forestalling coosenage, but craftilper and subteller hath the knaue Currier crosbitten the statute, in that he deales thus with the Tanner, he makes him holde his leather vnreasonably to the shoemaker, and so when he cannot sell it, he laies it vp in the Curriers house, vnder a colour whereas indeed he hath sold it him. Suppose this shifte be spied and preuented: then compoundeth he with som knaue shoemaker, some base rakehell without a conscience, that neither respecteth God, the Commonwealth, nor his Companie, and so with he is halfe with the Currier, whose letteth him haue some hundred markes to laye out for leather euery month, whereas he spends not in his shop a hundred marks worth in a yere: so the shoemaker buies it to abuse the statute for the Currier, and the Currier by that means vndermeth the other shoemakers: thus two crafty knaues are met and they need no broker.

Now to you gentle craft, you masse shoemaker: you can put in the inner sole, of a thin Calues skin, when as the shoe is a neates leather shoe, which you know is cleane contrarie both to conscience and the statute. Beside, you will soine a neates leather vampey to a calues leather heele: is not here good stufte maister shoemaker. Well for your knaue-rie, you shall haue these curses which belongs vnto your craft: you shall be light footed to trauell farre, light witted vpon euery small occasion to giue your maisters the bagge, you shall bee most of you vnthriftes, and almost all perfect goodfellows. Beside I remember a mery iest how S. Peter brought you to a dangerous disease, for he requested a boon for you, which fell out to your great disadvantage, and to recreat vs a litle here Gentle craft, what sel to your trade by that holy saint. It chanced that on a day, saint Peter and Christ walking togither, Peter was wonderfully hungry,

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and had no money in his purse to buy him any foode, and at last to his great comfort he espied where a company of Taylors were at Dinner with buttred pease, eating theyr pease with their needles pointes one by one: saint Peter came to them and asked them his almes, they proudly bad him sit downe and doo as he saw they did, and with that deliuered him a needle. The poore saint being passing hungry, could not content his maue with eating one by one, but turned the eie of his needle and ate two or thre together: which the Taylors seeing, they start vpp and saide, What fellow: a shouell and a spade to butterd pease, hast thou no more manners? Get out of our companie, and so they sent him packing with many stroakes. Peter comming backe, Chzist demanded of him what newes: and he tolde him how churlishlye he was vsed amongst the Taylors. Well, wandering on further, Peter espied where a company of shoemakers were at Dinner, with powdered beefe & bzeuette, going to them befoze he coude aske them any almes, they said, welcom good fellowe, What is thy stomach vppe, wilt thou doo as we doo, and taste of beefe? saint Peter thanked them and sat downe and ate his belly full, and dranke well of good double beere, And when he had doone went home to his maister. Assoone as he came Chzist asked him what newes, and he said: Oh mayster, I haue lighted amongst a crue of shoemakers, the beste fellows that euer I met withall, they haue franklie fed mee without grudging, and therefore maister grant me a boone for them. Aske what thou wilt Peter, quoth he, and it shal be doone? Why then Lord, quoth he, graunt that for thys good turne they haue doone mee. they may euer spende a groat afoze they can yearn two pence. It shall be granted quoth he. Peter assoone as Chzist had said the worde, he be thought himselfe and said: Nay Lord, but that they maye yearne a groat afoze they spend two pence, for my tongue slipt at the first. Well Peter quoth he, it cannot be recald the first with must stand, and heereof by saint Peters boone it grew, that all of the Gentle craft are such good fellows
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& spendthiftes. But howsoever, none of those three, neyther shoemaker, Tanner, nor Carrier, shall be accepted to be of the Jury.

As they went away with fleas in their eares, beeing thus taunted by Cloth breeches, we might see where there came a troupe of antient Gentlemen, with their seruingers men attending vpon them. The foremost was a great old man, with a white bearde all in russet, and a faire blacke cloke on his backe, and attending on him hee had some fine men, there cognisance as I remember was a Peacocke without a tayle, the other two that accompanied him, seemed meaner then himselfe, But yet Gentlemen of good worship. Wherevppon I went towards them, and saluted them, and was so bold as to question what they were, and of their businesse.

The most antientest answered hee was a Knight, and those two his neighbours, the one an Esquire, the other a Gentleman, and that they haue no vrgent affaires, but onely to walke abroad to take the fresh ayre. Then did I shew them both Cloth breeches, and Heluet breeches, and tolde them the controuersie, and desired their ayde to be vpon the Iurie. They smiling answered, They were content, and so did Cloth breeches seeme to reioice, that suche honest antient, English Gentlemen should be tryers of his Tytle, But Heluet breeches storming, stept in and made challenge to them all. I demanded the reason why he shoulde refuse Gentlemen of so good calling? And he made me this answer. Why you may gesse the inward mind by the outward apparel and see how he is adicted by the homely robes he is suted in. Why this knight is mortal enemy to pride & so to me: he regardeth hospitality and aimeth at honoꝝ with relaxing the poore, you may see although his landes and reuenues be great, and he able to maintaine himselfe in great brauerie, yet he is content with homespun cloth, and scorneth the pride that is vsed nowadaies amongst yoong vpstartes, he holdeth not the worth of his Gentry to bee and consist in Heluet breeches, but valeweth true fame by

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the report of the common sort whoe praise him for his vertue, Justice, liberality, housekeeping and almesdeedes, Vox populi vox dei, his tennants and Farmers woulde if it might be possible, make him immortall with their prayers and praises. He raiseth no rent, racketh no landes, taketh no incumbs, imposeth no mercilesse fines, enuies not an other, buyeth no house ouer his neighbours head: but respecteth his country and the commodity thereof, as Deere as his life. He regardeth moze to haue the needy fedde, to haue his boorde garnished with full platters, then to famous himselfe with excessive furniture in apparell. Since then he scozneth pride, he must of force proclaime himselfe mine enimie, and therefore he shall be none of my Iurie, and such as himselfe I gesse the Squire and the gentleman and therefore I challenge them all thre. Why quoth I, this is strange, that a man should be drawne from a quest for his godlineesse. If men for vertue be challenged, whome shall we haue vpon the Jury? Your obiection helpes not maister Weluet breaches: For if he be a man of so godlye a disposition, he will neither speake for feare or fauour, hee will regard neither the riches of the one, nor the plaine povertie of the other. Wherevpon sith you haue made me trier, I allowe them all thre to bee of the Jury, and so I requested them to sit downe till our Jury was full, which they courteously did, although weluet breaches frowned at it. When I looking for moze, saw where there came a troope of men, in apparell seeming poore honest Citizens, in all they were eight. I demaunded of them what they were, and whither they were going. One of them that seemed the welthiest, who was in a furred Jacket made answer, that they were all friends going to the burial of a neighbor of theirs, that yester night died, and if would doo mee any pleasure to heare their names, they were not so daintie but that they would tell them, and so then he began to tell mee, that by his Art he was a Skinner, the second said hee was a Joyner, the thirde was a Sadler, the fourth a waterman, the fift was a Cutler, the sixt was a Bellows mender, the
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Seuenth a plaisterer, and the eight a Printer. In good time
quoth I, it is commendable when neighbours loue so well
together, but if your speed be not ouermuch, I must request
you to be of a iurie, so I discourst vnto them the controuer-
sie between Clothbatches and Welnetbatches, and to what
issue it must grow by a verdict, they samed all content, and
I turned to the plaintiffe and defendant, and asked if they
would make challenge to any of these. I skoone qd. Welnet-
batches, to make any great obiection agaynst them, sith
they be mechanical men, and I almost hold them indifferent
for this I know, they get as much and moze by me than by
him, the skinner I vse for fures, whereas this base cloth-
batches hath scarce a goone faced once in his life, the sad-
ler for costly imbroidered saddles, the ioyner for seeling my
house, the cutler for gilt rappers, the waterman I vse con-
tinually, ten times for his once, and so likewise the plaiste-
rer, for the bellowsmender alas poore snake I knowe him
not, for the Printer by our Lady I think I am some tenne
pounds in his debt for bookes, so that for my part let them
all passe. And for me to, qd. Clothbatches, but yet a little to
put them in remembrance of their folies, let me haue about
with them all, and first with you maister skinner, to whom
I can say little but only this, that whereas you should only
put the backs of skins into facing, you take the wombs and
so deceiue the buier, beside if you haue some fantastike skin
brought you not worth two pence, with some strange spots
though it be of a libbet, you will sweare tis a most pretious
skin, and came from Musco or the furthest parts of Cala-
bria. The Sadler he stuffes his pannels with straw or hay
and ouerglaseth them with haire, and makes the lether of
them of moztis, or tane sheeps skinner. The ioyner though
an honest man, yet he maketh his ioynts weake, and put-
teth in lappe in the mozteles which should be the hart of the
tree, and all to make his stuffe slender. And you cutler, you
are patron of ruffions and swashbucklers, and wil sel them
a blade that may be thrust into a bushell, but if a poore man
that cannot skill of it you sell him a sword or rapier netwe
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ouerglased, and sweare the blade came either from Turkie
or Toledo. Now maister Waterman you will say there
is no subtiltie in you, for there is none so simple but that
knowes your fares and what is due betwene Cranwicke
and London, and how you earn your money painfully with
the sweat of your browes, all this is true, but let mee whis-
per one thing in your eare, you will play the goodfellow too
much if you be well greased in the fist, for if a yong Gen-
tleman and a pretie wench come to you and saye, Water-
man, my friend and I mean to go by water and to be mer-
ry a night or two, I care not which way nor whether wee
go, and therefore where thou thinkest wee maye haue best
lodging thither carrie vs: then off goes your cap and away
they goe, to Bainsford or some other place, and then you
say, Hostesse I pray you vse this Gentleman and his wyfe
wel, they are come out of London to take the aire and mean
to be merrie here a night or two, and to spend their moneye
frankly, when God wot they are neither man nor wife, nor
perhaps of any acquaintance befoze their matche made in
some bawdie tauerne, but you know no such matter, and
therefoze Waterman I pardon you. And soe you plaisterer
and bellowsmender I passe you ouer, and so do I the Prin-
ter to, only this I must needs say to him that some of his
trade will print lewd books, and bawdy pamphlets (by
G. R. G.) but Auri sacra fauores quid non, and therefore I
am content they shall be all of the iurie. I was glad there
were so many accepted of at once, & hoped that now quick-
ly the iurie would be ful, looking about me, straight I might
see one alone come running as fast as he could, I woondered
what he should be that he made such hast, and the kinner
told me he was an honest man, and one of their compaigny,
by his occupation a bicklaier. Oh qd. beluethærches, a good
honest simple man, hee hath bin long in my worke in buil-
ding me a sumptuous house. But I challenge him, qd. cloth-
bærches, for he is a ingler. How qd. I can it be, for he goeth
very homely in leather and hath his ruler in his hande and
his trowel at his side, and he seemeth not as one that were
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giuen to such qualities. **Yes** (quoth clothbatches) hee hath this policie, when he maketh a stately place all glozious to the eye and full of faire chambers and goodly roomes, and about the house perhaps some threescore chimnies, yet he can so cunningly cast by his arte that three of them shall not smoke in the twelue month, and so spoiles hee much good mortar & bricke. **Why** qd. **I**, the fault is not in the workman but the housekeeper, for now adaies men builde for to please the eye, not to profit the poore, they vse no roff, but for themselues and their household, nor no fire but in a little court chunnie in their owne chamber, howe can the poore bricke laier then be blamed, when the niggardnesse of the Lord or maister is the cause no more chimnies doe smoke, for would they vse auncient hospitality as their forefathers did, and value as lightly of pride as their greates graundfathers, then should you see euery chimney in the house smoke, and proue that the poore Artificer had doone his part. **Why** then qd. Clothbatches as you please, admit him on the quest. **But** what be these qd. Clothbatches, that come here so soberly? I hope they be honest men, for they looke very demure, I will inquire sayd I, and with that stepping to them, I demanded their names and very courtiouslye the one sayd he was a brewer, the other a butcher, the thirde a baker, and the fourth a vitler. Hearing what they were, I was glad, guessing with they were so honest substantial men that they would helpe to make vp the iurie, when Meluethbatches with a grim and sower countenaunce gaue them this challenge. **I** hold it not necessarie (quoth hee) that these haue any thing to deale in my cause, with I am at oddes with them al at least in fortie pounds a peece, for this seuen yeares I haue bene indebted vnto them for bread, beefe, beare and other victuals, then with they haue credited mee long, and I haue had so little care to paye them, I doubt now they will reuenge themselves and passe against me in the veroidie. **May** (quoth I) the rather will they hold on your part, for if they be honest wise men (as they seeme to be) they will be carefull of your preferments, seeing
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the moze highly they are aduauunst, the moze like are they to come by their owne. If therfore you can obiect no other points of dishonesty against them, I see no reason why they should be put by. If you doe not (qd clothbatches) then here me and I will proue them vnfit to haue any dealings here, and first for the Butcher. I praye you Goodman Bilcalse, what hauocke play you with puffing bp of meat, and blowing with your pizkar as you flea it, haue you not your artificiall knaueries to set out your meate with pizkes, and then sweare he hath moze for monie than euer you bought, to sell a peece of an olde Cow for a chop of a yoong Dre, to wash your old meat that hath hung weltring in the shoppe with new blood, to trusse away an olde eate in stead of a yoong weather, and although you knowe it is hurtfull and forbidden by statutes to flea your hides, skins, and backes, with cuts and slashes to the impouerishing of the poore shomaker when he buies it, yet I pray you how many slaughters doe you make in a pooze Calues skinne? Oh Butcher, a long lent be your punishment, for you make no conscience in deceiuing the poore. And you mast Brewet that grow to be woorth forty thousand pounds by selling of sodden water, what subtiltie haue you in making your beare to spare the malt and put in the moze of the hoppe to make your drink (be barly neuer so cheape) not a whit the stronger and yet neuer sell a whit the moze measure for monie, you can when you haue taken all the harte of the malt awaye, then clap on stoe of water tis cheape ynough, and make out a tunning of small beare, so thin that it scoures a mans maw like rennish wine: in your conscience how many barrels draw you out of a quarter of malt, fie, fie, I conceale your falshood, least I should bee too broad in setting downe your faults. And as for you Goodman Baker, that delight to be seen where most people resort, euen on the pilloze in the cheefe market place, the world cries out of your wilinesse, you craue but one dere yere to make your daughter a gentlewoman, you buy your cozne at the best hande, and yet will not be content to make your bread weight, you put in
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yeast and salt to make it heanie, and yet all your policie can not make it but you fine for the Pillorie, the poore crie out, the rich find fault, and the Lord Mayor of London and the Sherrifs like honourable and worshipfull maiestrates e- uery day walke abroad and weigh your bread, and yet all will not serue to make you honest men, but were extremity vled, and the statute put in the highest degree in practise, you would haue as few eares on your heads as the collier. I ask to you Tom tapster, that tap your small cannes of beere to the poore, and yet fill them halfe full of froth that card your beere (if you see your guests begin to be drunke) halfe small and halfe strong, you cannot be content to pinch with your small pottes and your Dstrie faggots: but you haue your trugges to draw men on to villanie, and to bring customers to your house, where you sell a ioint of meat for xii. pence that cost you scarce six, and if any chaunce to go on the skore you skore him when he is a sleepe, and let by a grote a daye more than he hath, to find you drinking pots with your companions, to be short, thou art a knaue, and I like not of any of the rest, the way lies before you, and therefore you maye be gone for you shall be none of the quest. I smilde to see Clothbatches so peremptory, when I sawe five fat fellows all in damaske cotes and gowns welted with Veluet very braue, and in great consultation, as if they were to determine of some waighy matter, drawing neere I sawe they were welthy citizens, so I went & reverently saluted them, and told them how we needed their aid about the appeasing of a controuersie, shewing them where the knight, esquier, and other staid, til we might find men to fill up the iury, they were contented, but veluetbatches excepted against foure of them and sayd they wer none of his friends, that was the marchant, goldsmith, mercer and draper, his allegations were these, that they were all feathered of one wing to fetch in yong gentlemen by commodities vnder the colour of lending of monie: for the merchant he deliuered the yron, tin, lead, hops, sugars, spices, oiles, browne paper or whatsoever else from six months to six months, which when the poore
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gentleman came to sell againe, he could not make thre score and ten in the hundred beside the vsurie. The mercer he followeth the yong vpstart gentleman that hath no gouernement of himselfe, and he sedeth his humour to go braue, he shall not want silkes, sattins, veluets, to pranke abroad in his pomp, but with this promise, that he must bind ouer his land in a statute marchant or staple, and so at last forfeit all vnto the mercilesse mercer, and leaue himselfe neuer a foot of ground in England, which is the reason that for a few remnaunts of veluets and silkes the Mercer creepeth into whole lordships. The Goldsmith is not behinde, for most of them deale with vsurie, and let yong gentlemen haue commodities of plate for ten in the hundred, but they must lose the fashion in selling it agayne (which cuts them sore) beside they are most of them skild in alchymie and can temper mettals shrewdly, with no little profite to themselves and disaduauntage to the buier, beside puffed rings, and quaint conceits which I omit. And so for you Draper, he fetcheth them off for livery cloth, and cloth for six months and six, and yet hath he more knacks in his budget, for he hath so darke a shop that no man can well chuse a peece of cloth it so shadowes the die and the thread, a man shall be deceiued in the wooll and the nappe, they cause the Clothworker so to presse them, besides he imposeth this charge to the Clothworker that he draw his cloth and pull it passing hard when he sets it vpon the tenters, that he maye haue it full breadth and length, till thread and all teare and rent a peeces, what care they for that, haue they not a drawer to serue their turne to drawe and seame vp the holes so cunningly that it shall neuer be espied? my selfe haue seene in one broad cloth eightene score holes to one rakt and pulde by the Clothworker only to please the draper and deceyue the commonwealth. To be short, the Clothworker what with rowing and setting in a fine nap, with powdering it & pressing it, with shering the wooll to the pence of the thread, deale so cunningly that they proue themselves the drapers minister to execute his subtilties, therefore if he chaunce to
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come let him be remembred. Now sir for the vintner, he is
an honest substantiall man a friend to al good fellows, and
truly my friend for my money, and worthy to be of the iurie.
Why no qd. clothbatches I am of another mind, for I hold
him as deceitfull as any of the rest, what the vintner, why
he is a kind of Negromancer, for at midnight when al men
are in bed then he forsooth fals to his charmes and spels, so
that he tumbles one hoghead into another, and can make a
cup of claret that hath lost his colour looke high with a dash
of red wine at his pleasure, if hee hath a strong Gascoigne
wine, for feare it should make his guests to soone drunke,
hee can allaye it with a small Rochell wine: hee can
cherish vp white wine with sacke, and perhaps if you bidde
him walsh the pot cleane when he goes to draw you a quart
of wine he will leane a litle water in the bottome, and then
draw it vp full of wine, and what and if he do it is no harm
wine and water is good against the heate of the liuer. If
were infinite to rehearse the iugling of Vintners, the dis-
order of their houses, especially of the persons that frequent
them, and therefore sith Veluethbatches hath put by the
merchant, goldsmith, mercer & draper, the vintner shal goe
with the for company. As these were going away in a snuff
for being thus plainly taunted, wee might see a mad merrie
cruie come leping ouer the field as frolikly as if they ought
not all the world two pence, and drawing nearer we might
perceiue that either bottle-ale or beere had made a fraye
with them, for the lifting of their sext shewed the lightnesse
of their heads, the for most was a plaine country sir John, or
bickar that proclaimed by the rednes of his nose he did oft-
ner go into the alehouse than the pulpit, & him I asked what
they were and whether they were going: what are you qd.
the priest that stand by the high way to examine me and my
friends, heres none in my company but are able to answer
for theselues. I seeing they were al set on a merry pin, tolde
him the cause & how the controuersie grew betwixt Cloth-
batches & veluethbatches & that we needed them to be of the
quest. Par y (qd. sir John) a good motion, know these are

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my parishioners, and we haue bin dzinking with a poore man and spending our monie with him, a neighboꝝ of ours that hath lost a cow, now foꝝ our names & our trades, this is a smith, the second a weauer, the thirde a millar, the fourth a cooke, the fift a carpentar, the sixt a glouer, the vy. a pedlar, the eigth a tinkar, the ix. a waterbearer, the tenth a husbādmān, the xi. a diar, and the xii. a sayloꝝ, and I their bickar: how could you sir haue a fitter iurie than me and my parishioners: you are a little too bꝛæse, qd. clothbꝛæches, are you not some puritan qd. parson, oꝝ some fellow that rayseth bp new scismes and heresies amongst your people? A plague on them all qd. sir John. foꝝ the world was neuer in quiet, deuotion, neighbourhooꝝ noꝝ hospitalitie neuer flourished in this land since such bpstart boies and shittle witted soles becam of the ministerie, such I mean as Greenwood Martin, Barrow, Wigginton, and such rakehels, I cannot tell they pꝛeach sayth, sayth, and say that doing of almes is papistrie, but they haue taught so long Fides solam iustificat, that they haue pꝛeachd good woꝝks quite out of our parish, a poore man shall as soone bꝛeake his necke as his fast at a rich mans doze: foꝝ my friend, I am in deed none of the best scholars. yet I can read an homilie euery sundaye and holiday, and I kēpe company with my neighbours, and go to the alehouse with them, and if they be fallen out, spende my monie to make them friends, and on sundates somtyme if goodfellowship call me a way, I say both moꝝning & euening pꝛaler at once, and so let them haue a whole afternoon to play in. This is my life, I spend with liuing with my parishioners, I seeke to do al good, & I offer no man harm. Wel (qd clothbꝛæches) I warrant thou art an honest bickar, and therfoꝝ stand by, thou shalt be one of the quest, and foꝝ you smith, I see no great fault in you, you earn your liuing with the sweat of your browes, & there can be no great knaucie in you, only I would haue you mende your life foꝝ dzinking sith you are neuer at quiet vnles the pot be stil at your nose. But you Weauer, the Prouerbe puts you to wne foꝝ a craftie knaue, you canne filche and steale almost as ill as
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the Tayloz, your woofe and warpe is so cunningly d2aw[n] out that you plague the poze Countrey huswiues fo2 they2 yarne, and dawbed on so much d2egges that you make it same both well w2ought and to beare waight, when it is slenderly wouen, and you haue stolne a quarter of it from the poze wife. Away, be packing, fo2 you shal be cashierd. What Miller, shake hands with your brother the Wheauer fo2 knauery: You can take toll twise, and haue false hoppers to conuey awaye the poze mans meale, Be gone, I loue not your dusty lookes, and fo2 companie goodmannes Cooke goe you with them, fo2 you cosen the poze men and Countrey Tearmers with your filthy meate: you wil buy of the worst and cheapest, when it is bad enough fo2 dogs, and yet so powder it and perboile it, that you will sell it to some honest poze men, and that vnreasonably to: If you leaue any meate ouer night, you make a shift to heate it againe the next day: Nay, if on the Thursday at night there be any left, you make pies of it on Sunday mo2ninges, and almost with your slouenlie knauerie poison the poze people. To be short, I brooke you not, and therefore be walking. Fo2 the Carpenter, Clouer, and Waterbearer, the Husbandman, Dier, and Sailo2, sith your trades haue but petty sleights, stand you with Mai. Vicar, you are like to helpe to giue in the verdict: but fo2 the pedler and the Linker, they are two notable knaues, both of a haire, and both cosen Germaines to the Deuill. Fo2 the Linker, why he is a d2owlic, bawdy, d2unken companion, that walkes vppe and downe with a frug after him, and in stopping one hole makes th2ee: and if in conuenient place he me2tes with one alone, perhaps risle him o2 hir of all that euer they haue. A base knaue without feare of God o2 loue to any one but to his whoze and to himselfe. The Pedler as bad o2 rather worse, walketh the Countrey with his docksey at the least, if he haue not t2wo his mo2tes d2els, and Autem mortes, he passeth commonly through euery paire of stocks, either fo2 his d2unkennesse o2 his lecherie. And beside it is reported you can list o2 nip a bounge like a guire Coue, if you want

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pence, and that you carrie your packe but for a colour to shadow your other villanies. Well howsoever, you are both knaves and so be iogging. Well quoth I, suppose theurie is almost full, I beleue we want not aboute three or foure persons: Looke you where they come to make vpp the number, and they should be men of good disposition, for they seeme to be all of the Countrey. Assoone as they came to vs I met them, and told them the matter, and they wer content. The one said he was a Graier, the other a Farmer, the other shepheard to them both. What thinke you of these three quoth I: Harry saith Meluet braches, twoe of them are honest men, but the other is a base knave: but tis no matter, shuffle him in amongst the rest. Saye by your leaue qd. Cloth braches, I wil shuffle out these two, for they are the very Cozmozants of the Countrey, and denoure the poore people with their monstrous exactions. And first I alledge against the Graier, that he forestalleth pastures and medow grounds, for the feeding of his cattell, and wzingeth leases of them out of poore mens handes, and in his buyeng of cattell he committeth great vsurie, for if it proue a wet yeare, then hee maketh hauocke and selleth deere: if it be a drie yeare, then hee buyeth cheape, and yet hauing pasture keepe them till he may come to his owne prife: he knoweth as well as the Butcher by the fæde of a bullocke how much Tallo he will yelde, what his quarters will amount vnto: what the Tanner wil giue for the Hide: Say, what the sowse wines were able to make of the inwards: so that he sels it so deere to the Butcher, that he can scarce liue of it: and therfore what subtlety the butcher vseth, commeth from the Graier, so that I exempt him from the quest as a bad member, and an ill friend to Cloth braches. And for you mast. Farmer, you knowe how thorough you couetise Landelozdes raise their rentes, for if a poore man haue but a plough land, if you see his pastures beare good grasse, and his earable ground good corne, and that he prospereth and goeth forwarde on it and prouideth and maintaineth his wife and seruants honestly, then In-
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grandius vber habet.

Then straight enuie prickes the farmer forward, and he bids
the Landeloze farre more then the poore man paies yeare-
lie for it: so that if he be a Tenant at will, he puts him out
to begge in the street: or when his lease comes out he ouer-
loades him in the fine, and thus bloudsucketh he the poore
for his owne private profit. Besides the base chuffe if hee
sees a forward yeare and that cozne is like to be plenty, then
he murmureth against God, and sweareth and protesteth
he shall be vndoone: respecting more the filling of his owne
coffers by a dearth, then the profit of his countrey by a ge-
nerall plenty. Besides sir may it please you, when newe
cozne comes into the market, who brings in to relieue the
state? Not your maister ship, but the poore husbandman,
that wants pence. For you keepe it to the backe end of the
yeare, nay you haue your Garners which haue cozne of
two or thre yeare old, vpon hope still of a deare yeare, ra-
ther letting the Weasels eate it, then the poore should haue
it at any reasonable price. So that I conclude, you are a
Coznorant of the common wealth, and a wretch that liues
of the spoile of the needie, and so I leaue you to iet with the
Grasser. Marry for the shepheard, vnlesse it be that he kil-
leth a Lambe now and then, and saies the Fox stole him, I
know little craft in his budget, therefore let him be among
the honest men of the Iurie.

Well Cloth breeches quoth I, you are very peremp'ory
in your challenges, what say you here comes 3. or 4. City-
zens, wil any of these serue turne? I cannot tel yo. he till I
know their names and conditions. With that I stept afoze
the company, and inquired what they were. The eldest of
them being a graue Citizen, said he was a Grocer, the rest
his good and honest neighbors, a Chandler, a Haberdasher,
a Clothworker, and two strangers, one a Mallon the o-
ther a Dutchman. How like you of these quoth I to Wellcut
breeches? Well enough quoth he, for I am little acquainted
with them, yet I know they fauour me, because I haue on a

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Sunday ſeene them all in their ſilkes. I marry, quoth cloth
bꝛaches, but they neuer get that bꝛauery with honeſtie,
For the cloth worker his faultes were laide open, Befoze
when we had the Draper in queſtion: and therefore let
him bee packing. For you Chandler, I like not of your
tricks; you are to conuerſant with the kitchen ſtuffe wiues
you after your weeke or ſnaft is ſtiffened, you dip it in fil-
thy dꝛoffe, and after giue him a coat of good tallowe, which
makes the Candles dꝛop and waſt away, to the great hin-
dꝛance of the poore workeman that watcheth in the night.
Beſide you pinch in your waights and haue falſe meſures,
and many other knaueries that I omit, but this be ſure you
ſhall not meddle in my matter: neyther the Haberdasher,
For he trims bppe olde felts and makes them verie ſayze
to the eie, and ſacetb and edgeth them neatly, and then hee
turnes them away to ſuch a ſimple man as I am: and ſo a-
buſetb vs with his cooſenage. Beſide you buy gumd taffa-
ta, wherewith you line hats that will ſtraight aſunder as
ſoone as it comes to the heate of a mans head. To be bꝛefe,
I am not well ſkild in your knaueries, but indad you are
to ſubtle for poore Cloth bꝛaches, and therefore you ſhal be
none of the Iurie. Marrye the Grocer ſeemes an honeſt
man, and I am content to admit of him, only take this as
a caueat by the way, that you buy of the Garbellers of ſpi-
ces, the reſuſe that they liſte from the marchant, and that
you mix againe and ſell it to your customers. Beſides, in
your beaten ſpices, as in pepper, you put in Bay berries,
and ſuch dꝛoffe, and ſo wꝛing the poore, but theſe are ſleight
cauſes and ſo I ouerpalle them, and vouchſafe you to be of
the queſt.

But I pray you what be thoſe two honeſt men, qd. the
Grocer, The one a Dutchman and a ſhoomaker, the other
a Frenchman and a Pyllaner in ſaint Martins, and ſels
ſhirts, bandes, bꝛacelets, Jewels, and ſuch pretty toies for
Gentle women: oh they be of veluet bꝛaches acquaintāce,
bpſtarts as well as he, that haue brought with them pride
and abuſes into England: and firſt to the Pyllainer, What
toyes

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foles deuileth he to feed the humors of the vpstart Gentleman withall, and of fond Gentlewomen? such farnes, such ouches, such b2wches, such b2acelets, such graundcies, such periwigs, such paintings, such ruffes and cuffs, as hath almost made England as full of proud sopperies as Tyre and Sydon were. There is no Seamster can make a bande or a shirt, so well as his wife: and why so? bicause the filthy queane wears a craunce and is a Frenchwoman so? soth. Where as our English women of the Exchange, are both better workwomen, & wil afford a better peniworth. And so for the drunken Dutchman, this Shoomaker, he and such as he is, abuseth the Common wealth, and the poore mechanicall men and handicrafts men of London, for our new vpstart soles of Weluet b2wches fraternity, liketh nothing but that the outlandish Ass maketh. They like no shoo so well as the Dutchman maketh, when our English men passe them farre. And so for Chandlers, and all other occupations, they are wronged by the Dutch and French. And therefore sith the Commons hates them, they cannot be my friends, and therefore let them be launching to flouting, for they shall be no triers of my controuersie. Well quoth I, now I suppose the Jury is full, and we see no more comming, let vs call them and see how many we haue. So they appeared to their names, as followeth.

The Names of the Jury to be empanelled.

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| 1 Knight. | 13 Cutler. |
| 2 Esquire. | 14 Plaisterer. |
| 3 Gentleman. | 15 Saylor. |
| 4 Priest. | 16 Ropemaker. |
| 5 Printer. | 17 Smith. |
| 6 Grocer. | 18 Glouer. |
| 7 Skinner. | 19 Husbandman. |
| 8 Dier. | 20 Shepheard. |
| 9 Pewterer. | 21 Waterman. |
| 10 Sadler. | 22 Waterbearer. |
| 11 Ioyner. | 23 Bellowsmender. |
| 22 Bricklayer. | |

What

A quippe for

What is it not possible quoth I, to haue one moze to make vp the foure and twenty? As I was thus speaking, I espied a far off, a certeine kind of an ouerwozne Gentleman attired in Veluet and sattyn, but it was somewhat dopped and greasie, and bootes on his legges, whose soles waxed thin seemed to complaine of their Maister which treading thrist vnder his feet, had brought them vnto that consumption, he walked not as other men in the Common beaten waye, but came compassing Circum circa, as if we had bene Devils, and he woulde drawe a Circle about vs, and at euery thirde steppe he looked backe, as if hee were a frayde of a Bayly or a sergeant.

After him followed two pert Applesquires, The one had a Purrey Cloth golwne on, faced downe befoze with gray Cunnie, and laid thick on the sleeves with lace, which he quaintly bare vppe, to shew his white Tassata hose and blacke silke stockings, a huge ruffe about his necke wrapt in his great head like a wicker Cage, a little hatte with bzymmes like the wings of a doublet, wherein hee wore a Jewell of glasse, as broad as the Chancery seale: after him followed two boies in clokes like butter flies, carieng one of them his cutting sword of choller, the other his daunsing rapier of delight. His Camerard that bare him company was a iollie light timberd Jacke a Papes, in a sute of watchet Tassata cut to the skinne, with a cloke al to be dawberd with colourd lace: both he and my gotwined brother seemed by their pase as if they had some lutes to mounseur bootes. At length comming neere, I might discerne the first to be a Poet, the second a Player, the third a Musitian, alias the Usher of a Daunsing schoole. Well met maister Poet qd. I, and welcome you friends also, though not so particularly knowne. So it is, though none of you thre be Common wealths men, yet vpon vrgent necessitie we must bee forced to employ you. We haue a Jury to be empanelled immediatly, which one of you thre must helpe to make vp, euen he which approues himselfe the honestest man. They are all honest menne and goodfellowes quoth Veluet breeches,

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ches, therefore it is no great matter whether of them wee chuse.

The Doctors doubt of that quoth Cloth breeches, for I am of a different opinion. This first whome by his carelessse flouentie gate at first sight I imagined to be a Poet, is a wast good and an vnthrift, that hee is borne to make the Pauernes rich and himselfe a begger, if he haue fouertye poundes in his purse together, he puts it not to vsurie, neyther buies land nor Marchandise with it, but a monethes commodity of wenches and Capons. Tenne pound a supper, Why tis nothing, If his plough goes and his inkborne be cleere: Take one of them worthie twentye thousande pound and hang him. He is a kinge of his pleasure, and counts all other Wozen and pesants, that though they haue money at command yet know not like him how to Domesticate with it to any purpose as they should. But to speak plainelie, I thinke him an honest man if he would but liue within his compasse, and generally no mannes foe but his owne. Therefore I hold him a man fit to be of my Iurie. Nay quoth velvet breeches, I haue more mind to these two, for this Poet is a proud fellowe, that because he hath a little wit in his budget will contemne and dislike vs that are the Common sort of Gentlemen, and thinke we are beholding to him if he doo but bestow a faire looke on vs. The plaier and the Vther of the dauncing schgole are plaine, honest, humble men, that for a pennie or an olde cast sute of apparell. Indeed quoth Cloth breeches you say troth, they are but too humble, for they be so lowlie, that they be base minded, I meane not in their lookes nor apparell, for so they be peacockes and painted asses, but in their course of life, for they care not howe they get crownes, I meane how baselie so they haue them: and yet of the two I holde the Player to be the better Christian, although he is in his owne imagination, too full of selfe liking and selfe loue, and is vnfit to be of the Iurie, though I hide and conceale his faults and fopperies, in that I haue beene merrie at his

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sports, only this I must say, that suche plaine country fellows as my selfe they bring in as clownes and foolles to laugh at in their play, whereas they get by vs, and of our almes the pꝛowdest of them all doth liue well to be bꝛæf, let him trot to the stage, for he shall be none of the iurie. And for you maister vsher of the dauncing schoule, you are a leader into all misrule, you instruct gentlemen to order their feet when you driue them to misorder their manners, you are a bad fellow that stand vpon your tricks and capers, til you make yong gentlemen caper without their lands, why sir to be flat with you, you liue by your legges as a iugler by his hands, you are giuen ouer to the pumpe & vanities of the world, and to be short you are a keeper of misrule and a lewd fellow, and you shall be none of the inquest. Why then qu. I, you are both agreed that the Pꝛet is hee that must make by the rꝛiuy? They answered both, he, and none but hee. Then I calling them all together, bad them laye their hands on the booke, and first I cald the knight, and after the rest as they followed in order, then I gaue them their charge thus. Worshipfull sir, with the rest of the iury whome we haue solicited of choice honest men, whose consciences will deale vprightly in this controuersie, you and the rest of your company are here vpon your oath & oathes to inquire whether Clothbꝛæches haue done disseison vnto Weluetbꝛæches yea or no in or about London, in putting him out of franke tenement, wronging him of his right and imbolishing his credit, if you finde that Clothbꝛæches hath done Weluet bꝛæches wrong, then let him be set in his former estate and allow him reasonable dammages. Upon this they laid their hands on the booke and were swozne, and departed to scrutine of the matter by inquirie amongst themselves, not stirring out of our sighte nor staieng long, but straight returned, and the knight for them all as the for most, said thus So it is that we haue with equitie and conscience considered of this controuersie betwene Weluetbꝛæches and Clothbꝛæches, as touching the pꝛerogative of them both, which are most woꝛthy to bee rightye resident
and

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and haue seison in frank tenement here in Englande , and
we doe find that Clothbzeches is by many hundred yeares
moze antient, ever since Brute an inhabitant in this Island,
one that hath ben in Diebus illis a companion to kings, an
equall with the nobilitie, a friende to gentlemen and yeo-
men and a patron of the poore, a true subiect, a good houseke-
per, and generall as honest as he is antient . Whereas
Ueluet bzeches is an vpstart come out of Italy, begot of
Pride, nursed vp by selfe-loue, and brought into this coun-
trie by his companion newfangelnesse, that he is but of late
time a raiser of rents, and an enemy in the common welth,
and one that is not any way to be pferd in equitie befoze
Clothbzeches, therefore by generall verdict wee adiudge
Clothbzeches to haue done him no wrong, but that he hath
lawfully claimed his title of frank tenement, and in that we
appoint him for ever to be resident . At this verdict pro-
nouncd by the knight, all the standers by clapt their hands,
and gaue a mighty li out, whereat I started and awaked,
so I was in a dreame and in my bed, and so
rose vp, and wrot in a merrie baine
what you haue heard.

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FINIS.

